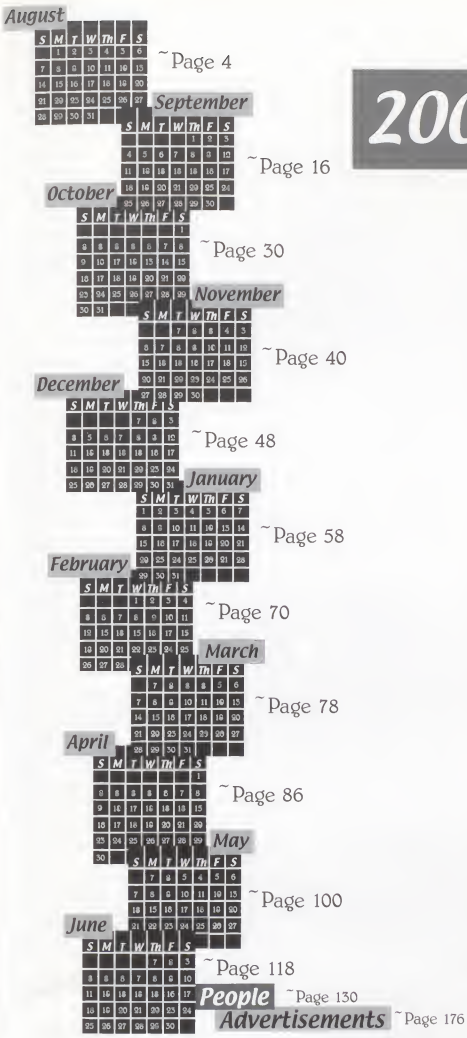


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Tracking... 2006

You're late to school again. You know that Mr. Pickett will count you tardy, and it's your third time this week. That means Friday detention. There's only one train pass allowed per semester, and anyone living on the wrong side of the tracks is bound to get stuck by a train just as they leave for school. Living in Griffith, there is no getting out of town without crossing those famous railroad tracks.

"Usually a 7:30 train comes, so you have to try and beat it. Sometimes it works, sometimes it doesn't," said junior Brittany Zajicek. Keeping track of time is hard for Griffith students when there are eight sets of railroad tracks separating the north side of town from the south.

Keeping track of friends and social lives, however, is something that many students have learned to do. Being trapped in a town by a ten o'clock curfew leaves options limited to students under the age of 18. There are more sleep-overs and over time students make less time for their homework. Many end up rushing to get it done between bells and before the tardy bell that lets them know school is in session before seniors Laura Matovina, Darek Kowal, or Adam Brandner start off the morning with the pledge of allegiance.

"I love to provide vital information to the fabulous students of Griffith High. I was fortunate enough to have Mrs. Mendenhall bestow the honor of announcement reader to me last year," said senior Laura Matovina.

Balancing social schedules and school schedules isn't always easy, but it never hurts to try.

"Now that I'm in school, I get to hang out with the friends I don't get to see over the summer. If I have homework, I just finish it before I have that class," said junior Elizabeth Stanford.

As the year goes on, a calender becomes necessary because the next 180 days will be packed full of events. It starts with Western Days in August and ends with graduation the following June. With everything that goes on at Griffith High, there's something for everyone.

"I hang out with Sara Nashkoff every day, but my other friends, only on the weekends. I see them less than I did when I was in Middle School," said freshman Katherine Kuna.

The year is full of school events, social events, and homework. Keeping track of it all may become tedious, but it can't hurt to try.

By: Ashley Cogdill

TRACKING...

August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday

15-18: Registration

My mom registered me for school. I had to miss my graduation at least seven times.
~Sam Hart, 12

My mom. I had to change my schedule because I didn't have a seventh hour.
~Elsa Garcia, 11

My mother, I'll have to change my schedule for second semester. I thought gym class had swimming next semester and it doesn't.
~David Jones, 10

My mom. I went with. Everything was alright I didn't have to go to guidance for my schedule.
~Frances Pernuch

23: First Day of School



It's not cool, it's kind of like an awkward feeling knowing that the classes you are in are the last ones you will be taking.
~Andrew Mazur, 12



It was good. I had most all my classes with all my friends from last year that I had.
~Ashley Rodger

How was your first/last first day of high school this year?

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

AUGUST SPORTS

Football
Varsity
H 8/17 Bentonville Centennial 6:00
H 8/20 Fayetteville Bend Ridge 7:00
T 8/24 Cassatown 7:00
Junior Varsity
T 8/20 Springdale Falls Valley 5:00 pm
T 8/27 Cassatown 10:00 am
Freshman
T 8/20 Morrison Gym 10:00
Volleyball
Varsity Morrison Invitational
H 8/10 Bentonville (V) (JV) 6:00
T 8/13 L.C. Central (JV) 5:00
T 8/17 Morrison (JV) (V) 3:00
H 8/20 Tri-Area (JV) (V) 9:00 am
H 8/24 Lowell (JV) (V) 10:00
Freshman
H 8/10 Bentonville 5:00
T 8/13 L.C. Central 5:00
T 8/20 Tri-Area Invitational 9:00 am
T 8/22 Morrison 5:00
H 8/24 Gravette 5:00
H 8/27 Lowell 9:00
H 8/31 L.C. 5:00
Boys' Tennis
T 8/10 Wheeler 3:30
H 8/13 Dayton 3:30
H 8/17 Lake Fenton 3:30
Girls' & Boys' Cross Country
T 8/13 Lake Fenton 5:00
O 8/20 FAC Quad Meet
Soccer
Girls
H 8/13 Carrollton Valley (V) 3:30
H 8/15 Bentonville (V) 3:30
H 8/17 Rivers Edge (V) 3:30
T 8/20 Morrison (V) 10:00
T 8/20 Cassatown (JV) (V) 5:00
H 8/22 Grand (V) 4:30
T 8/27 Hamilton (JV) (V) 10:00
Boys
H 8/13 Carrollton Valley (V) 5:00
T 8/15 Bentonville (V) 5:00
T 8/18 Indiana (JV) (V) 5:30
T 8/20 Cassatown (JV) (V) 10:00
T 8/27 Bentonville Valley (JV) (V) 5:00
T 8/27 Grand (V) 6:00
T 8/29 L.C. Central (JV) (V) 5:00
H 8/31 Grand (V) 6:00

25. Class Meetings



"Yes, because he told us what we had to do during the year in general. He told us how everything is important, not like the Middle School."
—Ryan Galiher, 9



"No, it's in the book. Someone shouldn't have to tell you. You should just abide by it."
—Melissa Arnold, 10



"No, I don't think so because people should already know what they have to do."
—Peter Lewis, 11



"I think it should be for the freshmen who haven't been in the school yet and new kids."
—Jessica Wachowski, 10

Do you feel that class meetings are necessary?

Tracking More... Events

1st Day of School and Class Meetings By 6/7

New Dreams and Exchange Students By 8/9

Volleyball By 10/11

Boys Soccer By 10/15

Girls Soccer By 10/15

Tracking: First Days

By: Laura Beaupain

Many students fear the first day of school. For many, it means waking up and going to bed early and an onslaught of homework. For others, it means seeing old friends again.

Amanda Craven, freshman, didn't have a very exciting first day of school. She said it was "boring and very confusing."

People new to the high school scene may not know what to expect on the first day of school, though many returning teens go about business as usual. Vanessa Gonzalez, freshman said, "I was nervous, but everybody was real nice."

It seems that many people were waiting for school to start. Craven and Bailey Curtis, freshmen, are among those students. "I was extremely excited to see my friends, but I didn't feel like waking up early," Curtis said.

"Summer was getting really boring, and there was nothing else to do," Craven said.

Many people were actually able to fit in everything they wanted to do over the summer. Stephanie Nokes, junior said, "I got all of my credits, and I got to hang out with all of my friends and have a good time."

Sophomore Tracy Leon quickly prepared for the first day of school on the last day of summer break. "I went school shopping and shoe shopping. I also went to the bank to take out money, and I took the bus to school the next day," Leon said.

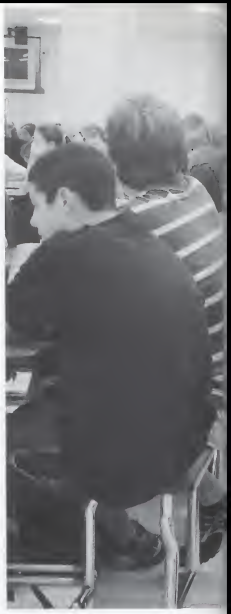
Stephanie Hobbs, freshman said, "I got all my pencils, folders, notebooks, and backpack together."

In the first week of school, students encountered the new principal, Bill Cope. DeMonica Murdock, sophomore said "He's interesting. I don't know him really well, but he's really into what he's doing. He seems like a good person."

Crystal Gonzalez, senior, said, "He doesn't deal with issues too well, like the tables at lunch."

Class meetings are a completely different thing, though. Many students simply didn't want to go listen to school rules again, mainly because they listened to them all of the first day of school.

So, all in all, the first few days of school went pretty well.





Jennifer Hamil

To help out on the first day of school, Douglas Ashenbaugh, sophomore, hands a clipboard to Kelly Staszak, junior. "The first day of Spanish was really fun because we talked and messed around," said Ashenbaugh.

Walking into class meetings, juniors Caitlin Scott and Brittany Rawdon look for a seat among the tables before the meetings start. "I thought they were kind of pointless because we go to it every year," Rawdon said.

How is your new class schedule?



"It's okay, but it could be better. I have most of my friends in my classes so it's okay. The classes are pretty well spread out."

-Alexandria Tibbs, 9



"It's alright because my first four classes are pretty much a breeze, but after lunch they get harder."

-Elizabeth Ramsey, 10



"I just don't like some of the teachers. I wish there was more of a selection of classes."

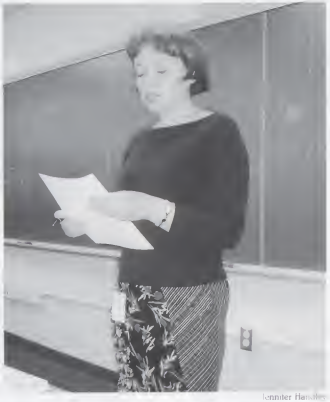
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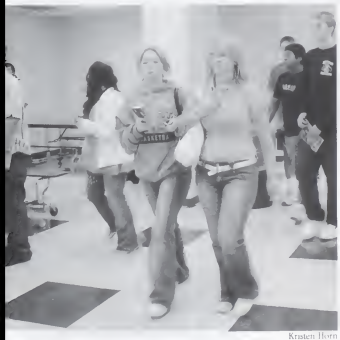
Kristen Horn

Standing amidst the crowded lunchroom of students, Bill Cope, principal, wants to emphasize the importance of the school rules. "All in all, I thought the class meetings went really well," said Cope.

Before class actually starts, Katherine Martinez, Spanish, takes attendance for the first time this school year. "I sit down with the book and decide what to cover and how long it will take," said Martinez about her class agenda for the year.



Jennifer Hensley



Kristen Horn



Lyndley Clarkson

Being handed a text book, Natalie Bermudez, senior immediately opens it and writes her name in the front cover, as instructed. "I was expecting a lot more homework the first day of school since we're seniors," Bermudez said.



Kristen Horn

While adjusting to her new teaching job, Christine Chidichimo, math, makes sure her students don't have any questions. "I came here from Gavit. I like Griffith a lot better.There is a lot more school spirit and the kids are more motivated," said Chidichimo.

Most freshmen find going to high school a scary thing. This is not the case for freshman Nicholas Udchitz. "I wasn't scared to start high school. It's a lot harder than middle school though, especially math," Udchitz said.



Jennifer Handley

Teaching only until December 2, 2005, student teacher Eric Beard, English, took over for Lisa Mcquier, English. He attended Purdue Calumet. "While I was in school I got really into Literature and reading,"said Beard.



Kristen Horn

Tracking Kyung Hun Lim



Reflector: What do you like most about the U.S?

Lim: I like soccer. I meet new people when I play.

Reflector: If you could go home right now would you go or stay?

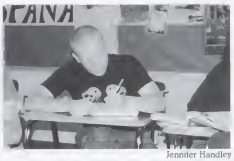
Lim: I would stay because I came here to learn English and I am not done.

Reflector:What is your favorite class?

Lim: Gym, because I like sports.

Reflector: Do you miss your parents?

Lim: Yes. I miss them a lot. I only talk to them two times a week.



Jennifer Handley



Jennifer Handley

Some new students like new schools because of the great classes. Junior Leonard Wilfinger is finishing up his Spanish homework. "I came from Gavit High School in Hammond. It was okay, but I like Griffith better," said Wilfinger.

Updating herself on her brand new high-school, junior Jill McWhorter reads her new school's newspaper in the library."I don't really like it here. It's really big and the school work is harder," McWhorter said.

It's a lot easier when you come to a new school freshman year, leave for sophomore and come back to all your old friends junior year. "Griffith is a lot better than Valpo. It's a lot easier too," said junior Alexander Werkowski.

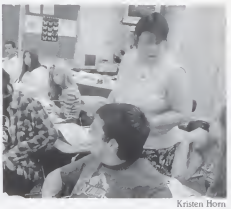




Jennifer Handley

One person having control of the entire high school must be difficult. Principal Bill Cope has taken on that responsibility. "I really like my job. I wanted to be a principal to make a difference in the kids' lives." Cope said.

"This is my first year teaching, but it's not hard because I've been studying French for 15 years," said Lorrain Hageman, foreign language. Hageman attended Griffith High School herself and graduated in 1987.



Kristen Horn

In some cases moving to another country could be really hard but for senior Yijiang Huang it's easier. "Living here is really not that hard. The hardest part is trying to learn a whole nother culture."said Huang.



Kristen Horn



Jennifer Handley

A Whole New World

By: Darci Lopez

It's great when students know the first day of school is coming around again. They get to walk around school and see all the friends that they didn't see over the summer, they get to meet their new teachers, and they get to see which of their friends are next to their locker. But what about new students? Or try being a student coming from another country. How do they even prepare for a day like that? Walking into a school where everyone looks like a complete stranger and they have no idea if anyone is going to talk to them may be a very scary thing.

"It was a hard thing to do. I am glad people were nice. They started talking to me right away," junior Brad Wilson said. When new people introduce themselves to the other students, it takes a lot of the nervousness away.

Besides the fact that they have to meet over a hundred strangers, they have to get used to all the new teachers and maybe some rules they never had before. they have to get used to the environment and find out what there is to do in this town. It's probably not the easiest thing for new students to do.

With all that to deal with, it could still be easy. But if you are one of the lucky few that get to come to Griffith High School from another country, not only do they have to meet all these strangers, but they have to walk around in what they know as a foreign world.

It must be hard learning a whole other language. "It's really hard, but it's what i came here for," said sophomore Kyung Hun Lim.

Being new isn't always a bad thing. Some students feel that thye get to make their first impression all over again and start a new life. The people that were complete strangers can end up being their best friends for life. They could even end up meeting thier first high school sweetheart.

Sure it might be the hardest thing to walk in a huge strange building with all new people, but people can always look at it as the best adventure of their lives.

VOLLEYBALL

Scores

- Merrillville L 0-3
- E.C. Central W 3-1
- Morton L 0-3
- Lowell L 0-3
- Hammond W 3-0
- KV Classic L 1-8
- Munster L 0-3
- Clark L 1-3
- Andrean L 1-3
- Hobart L 0-3
- GHS Invite W 6-4
- Bishop Noll L 1-3
- Whiting L 0-3
- S. Bend Clay Invite L 2-8
- Gavit W 3-1
- Highland L 0-3
- Hebron L 2-3
- Lake Station W 3-1
- Washington Township L 0-3
- River Forest L 2-3
- Calumet L 0-3
- Calumet W 3-2
- Clark L 0-3

GHS

Jumping up as high as she can, junior Krista Glidewell tries to spike the ball down to her opponents. "[I've been playing volleyball] since fifth grade. I just love to play volleyball," said Glidewell.

Diving for the ball on her knees, senior Caralyn Salczynski tries her best to return it to the opposing team. "[The best overall thing about our team] is probably our determination," Salczynski said.



Lyndley Clarkson





Lyndley Clarkson

Listening respectfully to the country's National Anthem, the Griffith Lady Panthers Varsity Volleyball team joins hands and prepares for their upcoming game. The Panthers had a fun, enjoyable season.



Lyndley Clark

Squatting in anticipation, junior Elise Garc waits for a serve to go over the volleyball n Garcia comments. "My favorite part about v leyball is the team unity and playing Chin telephone on the bus."

Getting pumped up for their game, sop more Katie Kaiser; juniors Lisa Worley, Ash O'Connor, and Elise Garcia; and senior Nic Kubacki, gather in a circle and yell out a ch of encouragement.



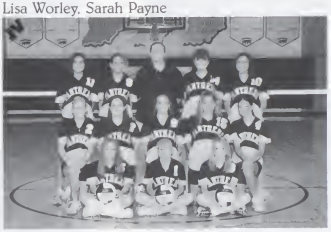
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Front Row: Kaitlyn Scheffel, Caralyn Salczynski, Krista Glidewell, Joy Helfen. Row 2: Alexis Gonzalez, Amanda Tharp, Rebecca Curnow, Elyse Janke, Elise Garcia. Row 3: Rita Gray, Nicole Kubacki, Danielle Fogarty, Don Whittemore, Katie Kaiser, Lisa Worley, Sarah Payne



Front Row: Amanda Rakowski, Amanda Koleski, Catherine Kus. Row 2: Nicole Koleski, Lindsay Lewis, Lindsay Brandner, Ashley O'Connor, Shelby Boilek. Row 3: Caitlin Moisant, Samantha Mansanarez, Sarah Payne, Rachel Convery, Kimberly Rodgers



Front Row: Elizabeth Vargas, Alison McCampbell, Kelsie Belcher, Caitlin Stevens. Row 2: Jennifer Buxton, Christina Soy, Breanne Clark, Ashley Rogers, Gabrielle Leimbach. Row 3: Don Whittemore, Melissa Sipos, Alison Kitner, Rita Gray, Amanda Schleitwiler, Stephanie Nowak, Sarah Payne

Boy's Soccer

"I think we could have done better, played more as a team, but I think we did pretty good this year and can't wait for next year," said freshman Jeffrey Melton who got to play on the boy's varsity team in a game against L.C.

Playing a home game against Lake Central, junior Matthew Gurrola was trying hard to get the ball. "Whenever I'm out on the field, I just think about playing hard, not letting the team down, and about winning."



Lyndley Clarkson



5 Fun Facts About Soccer!

1. Players run as many as six to seven miles during a game.
2. Soccer is the world's MOST popular team sport.
3. A soccer ball weighs between 14 and 16 ounces.
4. The World Cup is soccer's most coveted prize.
5. For the age group under 13, soccer participation is ranked second after basketball.



Front Row: Andrew Wright, Steven Siokos. Row 2: Zoran Kvrgic, Zachary Koch, Christopher Fuoss, Joseph Greichunos, Casey Colby. Row 3: Ron Knestrict Jr., Peter Lewis, Ryan Fentress, Sean Hansen, Miles Hall, Timothy Garibay, Jeffrey Reyna, Jeffrey Melton, Ron Knestrict Sr.



Front Row: Frank Alvarez, Tod Basham, Kyle Palinca, Danny Torok, Timothy Schell. Row 2: Zackary Duvnjak, Joshua Long, Andrew Wright, James Bobowski, Andrew Kime, Brandon Rukes, Daniel Rukes. Row 3: Jeffrey Melton, Nicholas Mullins, Ron Knestrict Jr., Kenneth Kurpela, Peter Lewis.





Lyndley Clarkson

"The games are my favorite part of playing soccer," says senior Ryan Fentress. "You get to show off all that you have learned in practice." Fentress tries hard to get back to the ball in the game against Lake Central.



Lyndley Clarkson



Jennifer Handley

Getting ready for soccer practice, sophomore Jeffrey Reyna stretches, with a look of aggression on his face as he anxiously waits for practice to begin. "Most Mexicans play soccer. It's in my blood. That's why I play," says Reyna.



Lyndley Clarkson

Trying to get the ball to one of his teammates, junior Casey Colby kicks the ball away from Lake Cental athletes. "I've always played since I was a kid, and it's been fun, especially hanging out with my friends," says Colby.

Scores

GHS	
Crown Point	3-1
Hammond	2-2
Hobart	2-7
Chesterton	2-9
Kankakee Valley	5-3
Gavit	1-1
E.C. Central	0-1
Clark	2-1
Highland	0-6
Morton	3-3
Boone Grove	1-3
Lake Central	0-0
Bishop Noll	2-3
LaPorte	0-3
Munster	2-1
Andrean	5-1
Wheeler	0-3

Scores
Hammond 4-4 T
Boone Grove 3-9 L
Morton 3-4 W
Chesterton 8-0 L
Gavit 0-6 W
Highland 7-2 L
Hebron 1-9 W
Andrean 5-0 L
Merrillville 1-4 L
Hobart 5-1 L
Crown Point 10-1 L
Munster 1-6 L
East Chicago 14-0 W
Kankakee Valley 3-7 L
Wheeler 1-2 W
Lowell 3-7 L
Sectionals (Lake Central) 0-5 L
GHS

"Goofing around with the seniors was the best when I played," says freshman Kellie Bubala. After dribbling past two opposing players, Bubala sprints down the field towards the net. "They [Hobart] had a lot of talent and were pretty good."



Liz Gollner



Lyndley Clarkson

Getting ready for the game is very important for Cathy Rudzinski, sophomore, and Amanda Uram, junior. "When we beat Munster for our last game last year was the best. We tried this year but didn't quite make it," says Rudzinski.

Once Jessica Bogner, junior, is taking a break, her coach, Ric Gonzalez, gives her some advice on how to improve her game. "Soccer became fun when my friend Carly Dunn joined the team because I love Carly," says Bogner.

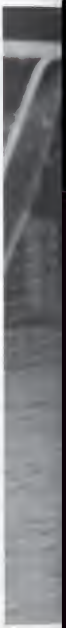
Double-teamed by opposing players, freshman Katie Lesniewski tries to fake them out and receive the ball from sophomore Angela Kepchar, co-captain of the JV team. "Having 'Capytan' (Angela Kepchar) in the goal for 'butts up' was fun," says Lesniewski.



Lyndley Clarkson



Lyndley Clarkson



Girls' Soccer

What was your most memorable moment?



"My favorite part was when Sammi (Holmes) said she had shin splits."
- Christina Kireta, 11



"It was when Andee (Mullens) tried to reach the goal and missed it."
- Kelsey Berry, 9



Liz Gollner

A surprised reaction can mean a lot of things in the game. It could mean someone scored a goal or the team just lost a close game. It can also mean more than that to senior Mallory Gatlin. "The sleepovers and get-togethers were the best," says Gatlin.



Row 1: Stephanie Hobbs, Kristen Yost, Lauren Clark, Cathy Rudzinski, Kasia Damski, Annie Hernandez. Row 2: Mallory Gatlin, Amanda Uram, Jessica Koch, Samantha Holmes, Christina Kireta. Row 3: Colleen Vechey, Ric Gonzalez, Brandi Heidler, Megan Swanson, Caitlin Terpstra, Don Curtis, Joann Gatlin



Row 1: Erika Aldape, Kelsey Berry, Andea Mullens, Priscilla Sepulveda, Katie Lesniewski. Row 2: Talia Mckinsbry, Michelle Plucinski, Erica Kudyba, Stacy Staszak, Jessica Bogner. Row 3: Joann Gatlin, Don Curtis, Angela Kepchar, Alexis Bozinovich, Samantha Royal, Ric Gonzalez, Colleen Vechey

TRACKING...

September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
	5 Labor Day- No School		
	12-16 What is one thing you will remember about Homecoming in ten years?		
		20 I-STEP Do you think the I-STEP+ should be required to graduate?	

September Sports



Thursday

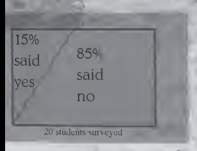
Friday

Saturday



"I will remember it, because it was my senior year, and since I was new last year, I got to enjoy the time with my friends, and one of my best friends was crowned queen."

~Jessica L. Gallinatti, 12



20 students surveyed

Tracking More... Events

ISTEP+ and Jumpstart. Pg. 18/19
Cross Country. Pg. [illegible]
Homecoming. Pg. [illegible]
School Spirit and Parades. Pg. 24/25
Alternative Learning. Pg. 26/27
Craft Fair/ Rummage Sale. Pg.28/29



Kristen Horn

Conversing during jumpstart freshman Crystal Villarreal and junior Samantha Shuster fix each others math problems. "Jumpstart helped me a little bit, so I think I'll pass ISTEPs because of it," said Villarreal.



Lyndsey Clarkson



Kristen Horn

Finishing up a problem during jumpstart, juniors Caitlin Scott, Molly Orzechowicz, and Karissa O'Brien help each other out. "I liked jumpstart because the people that were in it made it more fun," said O'Brien.

Working on practice ISTEP tests, sophomores Justin Abascal, Kayla Aguilera, and Jordan Adams concentrate on each question. "I liked ISTEPs a lot because they were really easy and quick," said Abascal.



Jump Up a Step

Story by: Sam Kulig

As ISTEPs come around students' prepare themselves for the test that determines their level of education. Some students love it because they are able to get out of their normal classes, while other students dread having to take a another test and stress out. One reason students wouldn't want to fail ISTEPs is that it is a requirement for graduation. Another reason to avoid having to take the jumpstart program the following year. However, jumpstart was intened to help students prepare for the ISTEPs. "I think ISTEPs are pointless, I hate having to stress over nothing," said sophomore Lauren Pollard. ISTEPs usually take up a little less than a week and our taken by freshmen, sophomores, and any students that have failed them in past. They do not affect grades for school, but they do show where the student stands with their knowledge from previous years. Sophomore Caleb Westfall said "It (ISTEPs) doesn't help at all, I hate it! But their pretty easy to pass." Some students that took jumpstart only failed their ISTESPs by a few points. Jumpstart is a program for students who have failed ISTEPs so they can get help and prepare for ISTEPs the following year.

> Isteps are really easy, but I hate them!!
> -Caleb Westfall, 10





"Yes, it's very helpful. But it's hard to pay attention because Kelly S., Justin Jones, and Miranda Pope are in it with me."
~ Molly Orzechowicz, 11

Do you think jumpstart helped you at all?

"It helped me, but it was very boring, and it took up too much of my time."
~ Miranda Pope, 10





Jennifer Handley

Quietly reading a jumpstart book, sophomore Rhianna Koepp reads about different tips on how to take ISTEPs. "I hated jumpstart because none of my friends were in it, but it helped me out," said Koepp.



Kristen Horn



Lyndley Clarkson

Listening to Marilyn Brunk, math during math jumpstart, sophomores Jose Zavala and Justin Jones get pointers for finishing their work. Zavala was in both math and English jumpstart this year and Jones was only in math jumpstart.



Kristen Horn

During jumpstart, junior Kelly Staszak writes on the chalkboard for fun. "I failed my ISTEPs by one point, so it wasn't too fun to have to take it (jumpstart). It was boring and easy," said Staszak.

Preparing herself for the ISTEPs, sophomore Melissa Arnold listens to the test directions. During this year's ISTEP testing they had a couple breaks, but did not give snacks to the students.

Cross Country



Michael Beck, 9

Q: What is your favorite part about cross country?
A: It would have to be running with all of your friends and all of the stupid stuff we do together.

Q: How do you get ready for a meet?
A: I would stretch, listen to music and try to keep my mind off the race.

Zorica Kvrgic, 12



Q: What is the hardest part about cross country?
A: The hardest part about cross country is having to wake up at 5:00 in the morning and going to the school to run.

Q: Are there any team traditions?
A: Yeah, we sing along to a lot of songs on the bus ride home and then we do cartwheels before a meet.



Row 1: DeAndria Robinson, Josh Cunningham, Stefanie Brown, Jamie Freeman. Row 2: Michael Beck, Tim Malewicki, Jenna Jones, Chris Bartley, Sarah Williams. Row 3: Alana Massa, Jace McMullin, Mike Worosz, Kristen Mathews, Michael Cummins.



Jace McMullin



Running in the LAC black cross country meet, junior Stefanie Brown works through the pain. "Running isn't fun, but you can make it fun by beating other people that you are racing against," said Brown.

Listening to music on the bus, freshman Gabriel Muro looks out the window on the way to a cross country meet. "I listen to music because it gets me pumped up before a meet," said Muro.



Jace McMullin

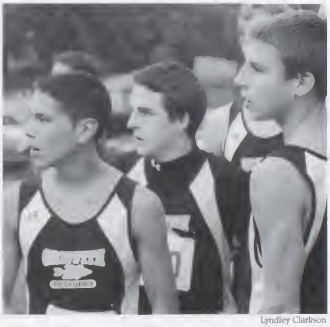
"I like cross country because everyone is more like a family than a team, and we don't care if we win or lose. It is just nice to know we are there working hard and doing our personal best," said sophomore Jenna Jones.



Jace McMullin



Lyndley Clarkson



Lyndley Clarkson

At the starting line senior Josh Cunningham and freshmen Gabriel Muro and Tim Malewicki wait to start. "There are slow, medium, and fast people. It's hard to pace yourself when you're the only fast one," said Cunningham.

Trying to walk off the pain after running her last race in high school, senior Kristen Mathews is helped through the finish shoot. "The person on my right side smelled really good," said Mathews.

Scores

GHS	Boys	Girls
Gavit Invite	11th	Incomplete
LAC Quad Meet	6th	Incomplete
LAC Quad Meet @ ORP	6th	Incomplete
Bob Thomas Invite	13th	9th
LAC Quad	6th	6th
New Prairie Invite	31st	Incomplete
Highland Invite	Last	Last
Hobart Invite	Last	Last
Andrean Invite	11th	Incomplete
LAC Invite	13th	Incomplete


Amy Baran


Renee Cabrales


Sidney Govert


Lauren Marinos


Caitlin Terpstra


Colby Lamb


Christopher Mansanarez


Matthew Nelleman


Brandon Pollard


Drew Rogowski

Tracking Homecoming

Winners: Drew Rogowski & Renee Cabrales

Beautiful dresses and football uniforms filled the night air as Homecoming King and Queen were announced at halftime on September 16. Seniors Drew Rogowski and Renee Cabrales celebrate after being crowned.

Events for Activities Day were all exciting, but for junior Tiffany Lidster, there was an especially fun moment. "The tug-of-war [was the best part of Activites Day] because I kicked Nate Bryan in the groin," said Lidster.



Jennifer Handley

During an intense game of musical chairs, seniors, juniors, sophomores, and freshmen battle to be victorious of this event. Musical chairs was recently added this year to the group of contests at Activities Day.



Jennifer Handley



At the Homecoming dance, seniors Crystal Chandler, Andre Rodgers, Jessica Koch, and Jace McMullin boogy down. "Crystal Chandler [was the best part of the dance] because she danced like a majestic unicorn." said Koch.



Kristen Horn



Lyndley Clarkson

Competing in the Human Tunnel at Activities Day, seniors Joy Helfen and Nicole Kubacki wait to begin. "The musical chairs [was the best part of Activites Day] because it was fun to pick on the little kids." said Kubacki.



Kristen Horn

Making Memories

By: Keri Markut

After the first hectic weeks of school have passed, Homecoming is the first of many memorable activities for the Griffith High School student body.

On September 16, 2005, all Griffith High School students gathered in the main gym for the annual activities day festivities. It featured many events and various students had the opportunity to sign up to participate. Some of the events included: the human tunnel, musical chairs, one-armed basketball, and many relay races. The seniors were the activies day champions.

Nominations for Homecoming Queen consisted of: Amy Baran, Sidney Govert, Renee Cabrales, Lauren Marinos, and Caitlin Terpstra.

When Cabrales heard she was on court, she was surprised. "I found out from Ms. Jensen during 3rd hour because I was cadet teaching in the middle school in the morning. I was really happy."

The nominations for Homecoming King included: Colby Lamb, Christopher Mansanarez, Brandon Pollard, Drew Rogowski, and Matthew Nelleman. Renee Cabrales and Drew Rogowski were Griffith High School's 2005 Homecoming King and Queen.

Surprised about winning Homecoming King, Rogowski said, "I thought Chris Mansanarez would win because he's never been out of any battle."

Not only were King and Queen announced, there was also a blow-out football game. Many Griffith residents came. The final score of the game was Griffith- 58 and Morton-13. This was the last Homecoming football game for the seniors.

Rogowski said, "I'll miss just being with the team and my friends."

After the game, a dance was held in the school's cafeteria that was sponsored by the Griffith High School's Student Council. Many people danced and had a good time. Food and refreshments were served. The entry cost was five dollars. Last year the Homecoming dance was cancelled, so, many people were glad to attend it this year.

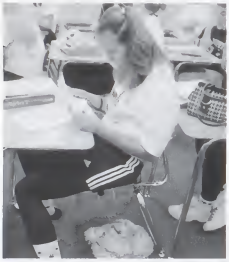
This year's Homecoming is sure to be remembered.



Jennifer Handley

Making minor adjustments to their float, the sophomore class council prepares for the parade. "We fought Daniel Domsic, the governor and got to run around," said sophomore Nicholas Ficht, one of the Ninja Turtles.

Sitting in a class during Spirit Week, senior Sherron Johnson is dressed up for Tacky Day in a big wig and other apparel from the sixties. Spirit Week allows students to have fun with what they wear.

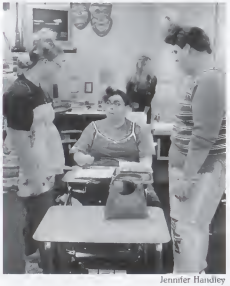


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Concentrating on her work in class, junior Rebecca Curnow came prepared for Spirit Week. She dressed in mix-and-match black and gold to show homecoming spirit for Black and Gold Day during Spirit Week.



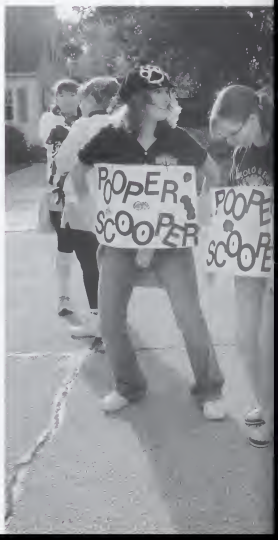
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"Spirit week is the only time you actually get to have fun in school and be crazy," said senior Heather Crundwell. Along with Heather, juniors Ashlee Crundwell and Brittany Erickson dressed up.







Jennifer Handley

Before Activities Day begins, senior Jessica Koch helps out fellow senior Zorica Kvrgic. They dressed in mostly all black and gold for Spirit Week's Black and Gold Day to show support for the football team.

"I love school and I love to show my spirit," sophomore Jamie Freeman said. "I think it's really fun." Between classes, she stops to talk to sophomore Jessica Teasdale on Superhero Day. Freeman dressed up four days for Spirit Week.



Jennifer Handley

Tracking Spirit Week

Activities Day Winners: Seniors



"Activities Day was a lot of fun. It was great to watch everyone participate and show school spirit."

Jessica Shacklett, 12

Float Winners: Seniors

"The senior float theme was Batman. We had to make a new Panther and build Gothem City in a few days."

Cassandra Johnstone,12



Spirit Week Winners: Freshmen

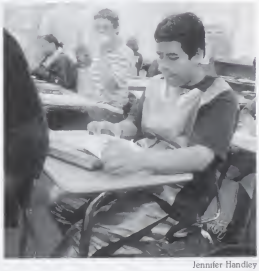


"I dressed up every day and it was a lot better than middle school."

Amanda Craven, 9



Jennifer Handley



Jennifer Handley

Clothes made out of duct tape and tin foil include shirts, skirts, and even bracelets. Studying in Katherine Martinez's Spanish II class, sophomore Michael Lopez is dressed in a whole suit created out of duct tape.

Before the Homecoming Parade, seniors Crystal Chandler and Ashley Stevens prepare to walk in FCCLA's Pet Parade by checking that their signs are on correctly. Their job was to make sure that nothing got left behind from the dogs.

Sitting in Ed Hanko's AP Calculus class, senior Andrew Mazur concentrates on notes. Mazur is dressed in an original superhero outfit, a mask and shirt. He created them for Superhero Day during Spirit Week.



Lyndley Clarkson

"We were playing a game where we took a pilgrimage through the town of Griffith. I read questions to other students in order to help us prepare for our Canterbury Tales test in AP English," said senior Emily Cutba seen here quizzing a classmate.

Working on her journal in Kristina Collard's English class, junior Ashley Perry thinks about what to write. Journals are just one way to get kids to really think about what their feelings are on a subject are and usually involve some group discussion of the subject.



Lyndley Clarkson



What is your favorite game to play in class?

"My favorite game that we've ever played would have to be the review game we played in Mr. (Bob) Hasting's world history class where you picked a number and the higher the numbers the harder the questions." Ashley Churitch, 12



Jennifer Handley

Strutting her stuff for a fashion show in Spanish class, junior Jacqueline Miskiewicz, wears various things like a hat, mittens, and a bee costume. "We had to dress up in different things because we were learning the names for them," said Miskiewicz.





Lyndley Clarkson

Trying Something New

Story by: Amie Palmer

Do you ever sit in class and think: "There has to be a better or more exciting way to learn than just sitting there day after day taking notes?" Well, fortunately for students, many teachers now use methods of alternative learning. Most students probably know the method as playing games, doing group activities, participating in labs, or basically doing any kind of learning that doesn't involve taking notes.

"It really helped me learn from my mistakes." -Jeanette Soy, 12

New Teachers such as Karen Jensen, social studies, are firm believers in alternative learning. "Not all people learn the same way. It's good for students to see how other people are thinking. It helps to clarify the subject," said Jensen.

Do projects and games really help people in all subjects? Jeanette Soy, senior, doesn't seem to think so. "Doing projects and labs only helps me in some classes like physics. I don't think that they really help in classes like English," said Soy, "One thing that really helped me was the basketball game we would play in Mrs. (Marilyn) Brunk's math class. It really helped me learn from my mistakes."

So what is the best way to learn? In groups or when students are on their own? "It depends on the student. I like to give students choices, so however they learn they get the opportunity to do it," said Jensen.



Lyndley Clarkson

Trying to get it right, seniors John Seiluns and Andrew Mazur, play the piano for their music theory class. "We were practicing the musical scales on the piano to help us remember them," said Seiluns.

Helping a second grader at Franklin with his school work, senior Justine Yeager, spends her first two classes of the day cadet teaching. "I like working with the kids because I get to go back to elementary school for a while," said Yeager.



Laura Solivais

During Sheila Vaclavik's English class, juniors Aaron Salczynski and Olivia Barlow joined the rest of their class in sitting in a circle and reading out loud. "We were reading The Legend of Sleepy Hollow," said Salczynski.



Jennifer Handley



Tracking... Samantha Royal

Name: Samantha Royal
Grade: Sophomore
Graduation year: 2008
Q: How did you like the rummage sale?
A: "I thought it was a big success and lots of fun."
Q: If you were asked to do it again next year, would you?
A: "Yes, because it helped the band a lot and we achieved our goal."
Q: Where does the money go?
A: "The money goes to the band booster funds. We have an account for our money that we raise."
Q: Does band have any other type of fund raisers?



Lyndley Clarkson

Rummage/Craft Sale

By: Aundalyse Parquet

The rummage sale, a great time for people to get rid of all of their unwanted and unneeded items, was a great success and an even greater time for the GHS band. Many people showed up at this event and the results were magnificent. With an estimate of about $800 the band is proud of themselves. Items like clothes, toys, food, decorations, and furniture were sold at this event. Year round band does different activities and events to raise money. The rummage sale in particular is one of the most fun experiences the band agrees. Other things like bake sales and the drumathon, two very successful fund-raisers, make the band feel proud and encourage them to keep striving to reach more goals financially.

Junior Adam Gasper for instance had a great time playing with a lot of the old toys. Although he didn't sell anything of his own, he was in charge of setting up and organizing a lot of the things that were being sold. "It was a lot of fun and I had a good time," said Gasper.

Some people had fun doing other things like selling baked goods. Freshman Michael Beck admits to eating and selling the baked goods at the rummage sale. According to Beck trying on all of the clothes after the bake sale was over was the highlight of the day. "It was fun to put together, and we raised quite a bit of money for the band," said Beck.

"This special event sponsored by the band inspires us to do more fund-raisers," said sophomore Jamie Freeman. "When band does fund-raisers and they are successful the next goal is to do the same for the next event."

"We have a drumathon coming up, and like the rummage sale, we are hoping that it is successful," said Freeman.

Although all the band members were not able to make it, some still came through. Senior Kara Johnson was not able to stay for the rummage sale, but she was able to bring items that she had for the sale. "I would definitely do it next year, I think it would be lots of fun," said Johnson.

Sophomore Matthew Cavasos was also a help. Selling food and making treats was his specialty. It was a lot of fun," said Cavasos."



"We had a lot of fun messing around," said sophomore Joel Gerber. While he and junior Steve Byrns helped out with the rummage sale they got to skate around as well.

While helping out at the rummage sale sophomore Ellen Hurdish jokes, "I was acting like I was a narcoleptic patient." Hurdish said "I said I was testing merchandice for narcoleptic patients."



Lyndley Clarkson



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"Join band freshman year," said freshman Joshua Leep. Helping out with the rummage sale was fun and there was a lot to do. "People should join band and participate in the fundraisers because they help out a lot."



Lyndley Clarkson



Lyndley Clarkson

Holding up a sign for about five hours junior Frank Davis enjoys his time to a certain extent because he got to yell. "The best part of the rummage sale was eating all Michael Beck's Rice Krispy treats," says Davis.

Eager to help out the band, sophomore Jenna Jones and senior Justine Yager help out with the rummage sale."We were talking and having a good time, and whenever the band needs me I'm willing to participate in whatever," said Yeager.

TRACKING...

October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday





Thursday Friday Saturday

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13: Yom Kippur

Yom Kippur, the Jewish Holiday on the Day of Atonement is celebrated on the tenth day of the Hebrew month of Tishri. The day is celebrated all with a 25 hour fast and intense praying. It is the holiest day in the Jewish Year.

27-30: Fall Break: What did you do?

"I slept most of the time and hung out with my family."
- Ashley Ames, 9

"It was my birthday. I don't really remember."
- Leif Gregerson, 11

"I just hung out with my friends."
- Andrew Clark, 10

OCTOBER SPORTS

Tuesday 1

Girls Tennis
- 3:45 @ Monmouth (W)
- 3:45 @ Willamina (W)
- 3:45 @ Central Linn, Philomath (W)
- 3:45 @ Crook County, Madras (W)

Boys Tennis
- 3:45 @ Willamina (W) (JV only)
- 3:45 @ Monmouth (W) (JV only)
- 3:45 @ Madras (W)

Volleyball
- 3:45 @ Monmouth (JV)
- 3:45 @ Madras (JV)
- 3:45 @ Central Linn (JV)

Football
- 3:45 @ Central Linn, Philomath
- 3:45 @ Lowell, Pleasant Hill
- 3:45 @ Monmouth (JV) (W)
- 3:45 @ Madras (JV) (W)
- 3:45 @ Lake Oswego, Cascade (JV) (W)

Cross Country
- 3:45 @ Monmouth, Crescent Valley, Sweet Home

Soccer
- 3:45 @ Sweet Home (JV) (W)
- 3:45 @ Crescent Valley (JV) (W)
- 3:45 @ LBC, @ Western Oregon
- 3:45 @ Central Linn, Philomath (JV)

Volleyball
- 3:45 @ Crook County, Madras, Culver

Football
- 3:45 @ Philomath (JV)
- 3:45 @ Monmouth (JV)
- 3:45 @ Lowell, Pleasant Hill
- 3:45 @ Willamina, Sweet Home
- 3:45 @ Crescent Valley (JV)
- 3:45 @ Central Linn, Philomath
- 3:45 @ Culver, Crook County

Cross Country, Central Linn
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Boys Tennis
- 3:45 @ Monmouth (JV) (W) (Culver)
- 3:45 @ Willamina (JV) (W)
- 3:45 @ Monmouth, Sweet Home

Tracking More... Events

Band, Drama Pg 34-35
Speech, Debate Pg 34-35
Homecoming Pg 36-37
Cheerleading, Mascots Pg 38-39

Tracking... Boys' Tennis



Certain people have their own reasons for being in the sport of their choice. For junior Matt Kuna it's not that serious. "It gives me something to do and I like hitting people with the ball," said Kuna.





Jennifer Handley

Pumped up, sophomore Michael Zajac serves the ball to the other team. "I did a lot to get ready for that tennis match. I did the little things that get me ready for it. Junior varsity did well, but we could have done better," said Zajac.

Scores

GHS	
@ Highland vs. Calumet	2-3 Lost
Morton	5-0 Won
Bishop Noll	5-0 Won
Hobart	4-1 Won
Calumet	1-4 Lost
Andrean	2-3 Lost
Munster	5-0 Lost
River Forest	3-2 Won
Lake Station Invite	1st place
Lowell	3-2 Lost
Highland	5-0 Lost
Clark	5-0 Won
Kankakee Valley	2-3 Lost
Lake Station	5-0 Won
Portage	5-0 Won
Wheeler	2-3 Lost

Playing his hardest against Morton, senior Adam Brandner hits the ball to the opposing team. "I did great this year. I had the most improved record, which is great because I had the hardest competition by far out of everyone," said Brander.

Congratulating each other on a good play against Morton, juniors William Frets and David Konopasek share their happiness. "I think we had a very successful season. I can't wait to play next year as a senior," said Frets.



Jennifer Handley

What was your most memorable moment in tennis?



"Goofing off when we're playng matches."
~Bradley Popa, 11

"Not finishing 0-12 again this year."
~Evan Hixon, 11





Front Row: Michael Zajac, Bradley Popa, Kevin Konopasek. Row 2: Joshua Towne, David Konopasek, Joseph Zajac, Stephen Bakko, Alan Kus. Row 3: Evan Hixon, William Frets, Tracy Sines, Adam Brandner, Curt Konopasek.



Jennifer Handley



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With his racket in hand, senior Alan Kus returns the ball to the opposing team. Kus tried hard to win the match. "The match was hard. I practiced a lot for it. I was happy with the turnout," said Kus.

Serving the ball to Morton, junior Joseph Zajac tries his hardest to make it a good one. Griffith won that match 5-0. "Even though we didn't do great in sectionals it was a great season overall," said Zajac.



Jennifer Handley

"I never played tennis before in my life. It gave me something to do with my extra time," said freshman Kevin Konopasek while playing against Kankakee Valley. Griffith ended up losing that match with the final score of 2-3.

Through the eyes of... Samantha Royal, 10

Q: Do you think the school provides enough field trips for students to go on?

A: "I think that if you're in enough extra clubs then you'll have enough to go on."

Q: What is your favorite thing about field trips?

A: "Getting out of class, because you need a break every once in awhile."



Q: What was the best field trip you've ever been on?

A: "Going to the aquarium in third grade because the aquarium is one of the best places in the world, and if you haven't gone there you should go."



Jennifer Handley

As she eats her lunch, sophomore Amy Fitzgerald converses with her fellow drama members after seeing a musical. Fitzgerald states, "It was great to get out of school and go to see the play."



Lyndley Clarkson

Enjoying his bus ride to his music theory field trip, senior Jacob Gee drifts off into another world. He begins to boogey down as he listens to his music. Music is a way for some students to pass the time while on the bus.

On their ACES field trip, juniors Billy Cahill, Eric Ritter, and Randall Zellers socialize amongst themselves. Ritter said, "[I most enjoy ACES field trips because] you usually do something you've never done before."





Resting his eyes, junior Rob Buehler relaxes comfortably on the side of a boat. "[The best part about going on field trips is] it gets you out of class and you get to learn," comments Buehler.

Lingering anxiously, some GHS Drama students wait for the bus to escort them on their trip to the Sound of Music. Field trips are provided for kids who want to take part in extracurricular activities, like the drama students.



Lyndley Clarkson



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Jennifer Handley



Lyndley Clarkson

"[I go on field trips] just to have fun. I like performances and stuff like that," senior Andrew Vaclavik said. Vaclavik contently enjoys his meal on his field trip with music theory and mingles with friends.

Savoring the view, junior Lisa Worley enjoys her architectural boat tour field trip. "I liked seeing the different sights that we saw along the river and the different forms of buildings that people could build," comments Worley.

Taking a Break

By: Amanda Crook

What kind of student doesn't like getting out of their everyday school routine to do something more spectacular? Field trips are an excellent way for some students to spice up their day. Not only are they a nice way to relax from everyday life, but they usually provide educational experiences.

Here at Griffith, there are various opportunities for students to go on field trips. Many of the clubs offered, provide field trips for their members to take part in.

FCCLA goes on field trip outings to places such as nursing homes and homeless shelters. Their field trips are based on improving the world that we live in. Sophomore Emily Cioroianu has been a two year member of FCCLA.

Cioroianu says, "I go on field trips with FCCLA because they're an enriching experience and are fun."

Run by foreign language teachers Lorraine Hageman, French, and Katherine Martinez, Spanish, International Club is yet another way for a student to get the chance to participate in field trips. This club visits places where they can learn about other cultures and their traditions. For instance, this year International Club visited Chela's and Medieval Times.

Allison Colgrove, sophomore said, "The field trips are a nice cultural and learning experience."

Students that partake in the ACES program also get to enjoy field trips often. This year, they have visited an aviation museum and a glass factory. At the museum, students got to look at different types of airplanes and have a discussion with a pilot. On their outing to the glass factory the ACES learned the process of making glass.

"They're fun because we get to do things that we wouldn't otherwise get to do if we weren't in ACES, and we learn cool stuff," stated freshman Kellie Bubala.

Field trips are exciting experiences that provide an alternative style of learning. They may help students learn in a hands-on way. Overall, students can obtain positive learning experiences from field trips.

Halloween 2005

By: Britney Hill

Cold, wet and rainy are three words that could describe this year's Halloween. One thing that can be concluded about Halloween is that not everyone celebrated it the same.

"I don't think it's good to celebrate Halloween, because in my religion, we view it as a day to celebrate Satan," said sophomore David Jones. So some people might be asking "So what does he do on Halloween?" That's simple. This year, he decied to go to his church, Kingdom of God Outreach Ministries. He also decided to bring one of his school friends, sophomore Jerry Anderson. When they arrived at church the pastor simply did a short sermon over Halloween and then the party began, a Hallelujah party that is. They played games, watched movies, and ate candy. Jones and Anderson both agreed that the food was their favorite part. "This year for Halloween I went to church to stay out of trouble and do right, it was fun," said sophomore Jerry Anderson.

Meanwhile, when Jones and Anderson were at church, sophomores Alexis Hartman and Brooke Miller celebrated Halloween their way. "I dressed up like a football player and passed out candy with Doug, my boyfriend and Miranda Pope," said Hartman. Hartman's favorite part of Halloween were the parties so that she could dress up in one of her many costumes. Halloween weekend Hartman dressed up as a french maid, and partied the night away. Her most memorable Halloween was when she got stuck in Nick Choate's disgusting football pads. "I love Halloween," says Miller, "I get to go up to I.U. with my friends and go to college parties because it's way better than staying here in G-town." This year, Miller went trick-or treating with sophomores Sarah Cole and Kelley Cloghessy.

Everyone likes to celebrate Halloween in their own way. Some people go to church to hear about God, some people hand out candy, and other people will do almost anything to get out of Griffith. One thing is certain though; many students here at Griffith like to party on Halloween, no matter where they may be.



Walking alone on Halloween night, freshman Joshua Leep goes trick-or-treating. "I like dressing up in something really stupid and getting candy for it," said Leep. This year, Leep dressed up in a robe and took an umbrella to shield himself from the rain.



Lyndley Clarkson



Lyndley Clarkson

"Sometimes the 'Dice of Destiny' is very cool, and it's exciting," said math teacher Ed Hanko. Hanko decides on whether or not to collect the classes home work by throwing the 'Dice of Destiny'. The tradition in Hanko's class has been going on for years.

As children came to his door, senior Leonard Wilfinger, handed out candy. "Halloween wouldn't have sucked so bad if the weather didn't suck," said Wilfinger. This year, Halloween was rainy and cold.



Lyndley Clarkson

Do you like Halloween? What did you do?



"This Halloween I threw candy at all the mean little kids that I knew because they're really evil."
-Lauren Figueroa, 12



"Halloween is righteous because it's lots of candy and I like to dress up like a nurse."
-Alex Werkowski, 11



"I like Halloween because I like to watch all the scary movies with that special someone."
-Lauren Winiecki, 10



"I like Halloween somewhat. This year I had football practice and after that I went home and ate candy."
-Michael Tinich, 9



Lyndley Clarkson

Acting like a doctor from off the movie "The Prince and The Revelation", junior Leonard Wilfinger dons scrubs and a colorful wig. "What was I thinking? What was I on?" asked Wilfinger.

"I can't wait till I get older so I can have babies!" said senior Jessica Koch. She couldn't stay away from junior Leonard Wilfinger's baby neice because she thought she was so cute. Wilfinger's niece was dressed up for Halloween as a baby witch.



Lyndley Clarkson

While drinking his coffee, Daniel Borders, freshman, listens to the students performing through the night. "The music was pretty good. That's why I went," said Borders. "My favorite was when Danny (Maglish) played 'What I Got.'"

Preparing coffee for his next customer, senior Alan Kus takes orders from students who attended Coffee Night. Kus tried to make sure that all his customers were satisfied with their coffee and that all his orders were filled.



Lyndley Clarkson



Tracking... Danny Maglish



Age: 15

Grade: Sophomore

What he played: "Dazed and Confused", "Bring it on Home", "Wasting Love", "One", "What I Got", "Wish You Were Here"

What made him want to perform at Coffee Night: "Playing the guitar is my life and I just love performing for people. It's so much fun when you get into it, too!"

Who inspires him: Nirvana, Metallica, Pink Floyd



Wake Up and Smell the Coffee

By Angela Kepchar



Emily Cutka

Who says that drinking coffee has to be right when you wake up? Why not add a little entertainment with it? Griffith High School Honor Society hosted Coffee Night on Wednesday, October 26, 2005. It was a night for coffee, entertainment, and fun.

Students went to hang out, drink coffee, listen to the performances, or simply just watch the White Sox win the World Series. "I really liked the Sox fan booth type thing. The atmosphere was very dark with lots of music and coffee. I felt like I was in bed at night." said sophomore Jenna Jones. The performances included guitar playing, singing, and a Backstreet Boy performance by seniors Andre Rodgers, Adam Brandner, Timothy Garibay, Darek Kowal, and junior Nathan Bryan.

"My favorite performance... I guess the Backstreet Boys because they were really funny," said freshman Caitlin Stevens.

"I was A.J., Nate was Kevin, Andre was Brian, Adam was Nick, and Tim was Howie," said Kowal. Their performance was one of the favorites by the students at Coffee Night. "We got the idea from Josh (Long) and we thought it would be interesting, so we got the guys interested in doing it," said Kowal.

Another performance from the students was sophomore guitarist Danny Maglish. He played numerous songs during Coffee Night, and said he loved performing in front of everyone.

"My favorite performance I would have to say would be Danny Maglish," said junior Jimmy Kleist.

"Definitely Danny (Maglish) and Dave Romesburg. Those were my favorite," said sophomore Jake Edwards.

"I played six songs, but my favorite was 'What I Got'," said Maglish. "I'm a little surprised that everyone liked it. I've been playing all my life and I just love playing for other people, so I really wasn't all that nervous."

So what will be expected next year at Coffee Night? Who knows? There is an infinite amount of performance possibilitiesa, music, and maybe some new faces will take the spotlight and attend as well as the old ones.

"Everyone just put a lot of effort into everything and they were great. It was just really awesome," said Kowal. "I would definitely go back next year."



Lyndley Clarkson



Lyndley Clarkson

Dim lighting was the main part of Coffee Night. As seniors Kristen Mathews and Timothy Garibay set up, they also have fun doing it together. "I had a lot of fun setting up and it was pretty easy...but mostly fun," says Mathews.

Performing as Backstreet Boys were seniors Andre Rodgers, Darek Kowal, Timothy Garibay, Adam Brandner, and junior Nathan Bryan. "We're going to perform it again for the Talent Show with choreography," says Kowal.



Lyndley Clarkson

While waiting to get up and perform her next number, junior Zorica Kvrgic takes a break and talks with her friends. "(Coffee Night) was a great opportunity to express themselves and it was great because I was emcee," says Kvrgic.

TRACKING...

November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday



Thursday

Friday

Saturday

11: Veteran's Day

The first official Veteran's Day or Armistice Day was on November 11, 1918. The original celebration method for Armistice Day was a day full of parades and public meetings. The holiday technically starts at 11:00 AM.



"Yeah, it [my grade] is semi-bad and do every thing that we need to do in the classroom. It's not a matter of how bad you are, it's a matter of how much you learn it."

-Anthony Landt, 11

18: Semi-State



"I'm going to say no, because I think we'll be losing a lot of starting players and it will be harder to achieve the goals we made this year."

-Crystal Gonzalez, 10

18/19: Drum-A-Thon



Q: Did you enjoy participating in the Drum-A-Thon?
A: "Yes, mostly because of all the things everyone got to do together."
Q: What was your least favorite part?
A: "Having to come to school at 3 A.M., but I still had a blast."
Q: Do you think the Drum-A-Thon went well?
A: "There were a lot of people that showed up so yes, definitely."
Q: Did you ever feel like want to quit?
A: "Definitely not, it was too much fun."

24/25: Thanksgiving- What did you eat?



"I ate turkey, mashed potatoes, corn, ham, pumpkin pie, and salad."

-Sandra Novath, 10



"...turkey, potatoes, stuffing, macaroni and cheese and some pie."

-Andrew Karnati, 11

Drummer profile: Amanda Uram, 11

NOVEMBER SPORTS

Basketball

Girls'

T 11-5: Andrean (JV/V) 7:00
T 11-9: Wheeler (JV/V) 6:00
H 11-11: Penn (JV/V) 6:30
T 11-13: Hammond High (JV/V) 6:00
H 11-19: Lake Ridge (JV/V) 6:00
H 11-20: Merrillville Pirates (JV/V) 6:00
H 11-23: Portage (JV/V) 6:00
Freshmen
T 11-16: Calumet 6:00
T 11-22: Hammond High 6:30
T 11-30: Highland 6:00
H 11-30: Munster Central 6:30

Boys

T 11-26: Crown Point (JV/V) 6:00
Freshmen
T 11-30: Highland 6:30

Swimming

Boys

H 11-09: *Highland (JV/V) 6:00*

Girls

T 11-13: Lowell (JV/V) 6:00
T 11-20: Gavit (V) 5:30
H 11-20: *Highland (JV/V) 6:00*

Wrestling

T 11-20: Munster Frosh Invite (FR) 9:00 am
T 11-30: Lowell (JV/V) 6:30

Football

11-4: Sectionals Round Three (Morton)7:00
11-11: Regionals (Hamilton Heights) 7:00
11-18: Semi-State (Northwood) 7:00

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Babes Graces the GHS Stage

By: Jace McMullin



On November 10, the Griffith High School auditorium was set and ready for its first production of the year, "Babes in Toyland." After only seven weeks of preparation, the students involved in the musical were anxious and ready for the fun filled weekend to begin. As the lights dimmed for the opening performance, the audience got quiet and ready for the exciting fairy tales to come to life.

"I tried out for the play because I thought it would be fun and people were telling me I should try out," said freshman Michael Beck, who was on stage for the first time in high school.

It takes a lot of different people to put on such a production as "Babes in Toyland." There are the actors, stage crew, lights and sound, pit band, and costume and make up crew. Without these groups of people, the musical would have been much harder to put on stage for the audience.

Senior Jennifer Handley, who was a part of stage crew said, "I like the social experiences, and I like being a part of something that entertains people."

At first the dates for performances for the play were November 11th, 12th, and 13th, but due to the football team's win in the sectional championship, the dates were changed to November 10th, 12th, and 13th.

"The audiance was great this play, they laughed at all of the funny parts," said Handley. The audience included students, staff, parents, drama department alumni, and regular drama connoisseurs. Everyone involved in the play was also able to put on a show for all the elementary and middle schools on Friday, November 11th during school.

"I am glad that I joined play this year, it has been a lot of fun," said Beck.

"Play is really fun because you get to do a lot of fun things, like pranks," said junior Kathryn Horn. Horn had to do her own hair for the play because there was only one that was person able to do hair in the play.



Jennifer Handley



Jennifer Handley

Working on his lines with the drama director, Lisa Megquier, senior Jacob Gee gets some advice on how things go. "The play was a lot of fun, even though some of the lines were very hard," said Gee.

With an enthusiastic look on his face, junior Nathan Bryan practices his dance moves. "Dancing was frustrating and really fun all at the same time," said Bryan. Students often stayed late after school to practice their dances.



Singing and dancing their hearts out, members from the *Babes in Toyland* cast put on a show for the audience. "Dance practice was hard because I had a lot of dances, but it payed off because we rocked the dance," said senior Jessica Koch.



Jennifer Handley



Jennifer Handley

"This was my first play and it was an awesome experience to meet all the people I met that were involved," said senior Emily Cutka. A bond grew within the cast and made play a second home for a lot of students who are a part of it.

Marching as toy soldiers, cast members of *Babes in Toyland* dance their hearts out. "This play turned out to be one of the best experiences of my life. I met some of the greatest people and will never forget them," said senior Adam Brandner.



Jennifer Handley



Lyndsey Charlton



Andre Rodgers, 12

Q: How many plays have you been a part of?
A: "seven."

Q: What is your favorite part about being in play?
A: "That I get to be another character for a short period of time."

Q: How many plays have you been a part of?
A: "five."

Q: What was the best part of the musical Babes in Toyland?
A: "The best part of play was when we captured all the boy leaders, and put Andre Rodgers in a sparkley jumpsuit."



Leah Morton, 11



Allison Colgrove, 10

Q: How many plays have you been a part of?
A: "one."

Q: What did you think about the play Babes in Toyland?
A: "I thought it was a really nice play and had a nice story line."

Q: How many plays have you been a part of?
A: "five."

Q: What did you do for the play?
A: "I was a part of the sound crew and got to work with all the mikes."



Keith Mitchell, 9



Jennifer Handley

Leaning over the table, Eddie Covarrubias, choir, speaks with seniors Arkadiusz Ryzak and Andrew Mazur about the choir fundraiser of Santa Grams to help fund the trip to Atlanta, Georgia.



Lyndley Clarkson

While looking through a magazine, sophomore Candice Tripp waits for instructions. "The clinicians were awesome and a lot of people had a good time learning about the different instruments," Tripp said.

After being handed a pamphlet, seniors Timothy Garibay and Kristen Mathews begin looking the paper over. At the time of the meeting Honor Society was having a cookie dough fundraiser to help with defray their trip to Washington D.C.



Row 1: Joshua Cunningham, Elizabeth Ryzak, Timothy Garibay, DJ Salmon, Caitlyn Lackey, Cassie Bailey Row 2: Ashley Cogdill, Elizabeth Thrall, Brian James, Arkadiusz Ryzak, Liz Gollner, Kyle Kaduski, Jim Graff Row 3: Gina Gilge, Kelli Dewees, Jennifer Lawrence, Elizabeth Ramsey



Art Club

Row 1: Ashley Roll, Amanda Koleski, Cassie Bailey, Aundalyse Parquet, Keri Markut, Jamie Freeman, Nicole Koleski, Sheila Szo Row 2: Michelle Connor, Britney Hill, Amanda Crook, Randy Degani, Samantha Royal, Emily Cioroianu, Cathy Rudzinski, Elizabeth Ryzak, Rita Gray Row 3: Brittany Evanich, Angela Kepchar, Ellen Hurdish, Daniel Domsic, Joshua Long, Auvon Chandler, Cassandra Nunez

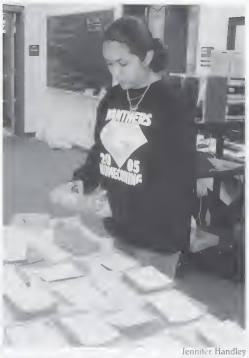


Sophomore Class Council

Helping to sort Santa Grams for the choir fundraiser efficiently, senior Connie Herrera bags the notes and moves to another stack. Herrera has been singing in the Griffith High School choir since she was a freshman.



Lyndsey Carlson



Jennifer Handley



Lyndsey Carlson

Sitting together freshmen Elizabeth Thrall and Cory Jung have a snack at the Percussion Fest. "It was awesome. I don't play percussion, but I thought it would be a good experience because my brother wants to play drums," Jung said.

What do you think about fundraising? Do you help?



"I like it. It's fun. You get to sell interesting things, and you don't have to buy whatever you're fundraising for. You get a work ethic."

~Ashley Roll, sophomore



"I think they are good, but I don't help because I never needed to fundraise."

~Melissa James, junior

Row 1: Megan Swanson, Matt Kuna, Elise Garcia, Alexis Gonzalez Row 2: Olivia Barlow, Kelly Staszak, Ryan Berry, Amy Miles, Samantha Kulig, Kelly Redden Row 3: Molly Orzechowicz, Kelsey Troxel, Daniel MacFarlane, Robby Buehler, Corey Nash, Billy Cahill, Jessica Phillips



Junior Class Council

Row 1: Caralyn Salczynski, Laura Matovina, Lauren Clark, Sidney Gover Row 2: Christina Lozano, Jessica Koch, Andre Rodgers, Mallory Gatlin, Amie Palmer, Joy Helfen Row 3: Russ Radke, Zorica Kvrgic, Adam Brandner, Arkadiusz Kyzak, Caitlin Terpstra, Alan Kus



Senior Class Council



Lyndley Clarkson

Celebrating their victory, the seniors of the football team pose for their final team picture. "[The highlight of the season was] beating Hamilton Heights in Regionals and making All-State my senior year," said senior Brian Bell.

During a warm-up sophomore Douglas Ashenbaugh tackles senior Zachary Stevens. "[What I'll miss most about GHS Football is] running Monday Madness, winning games, and running the route," Stevens said.

Being lifted by the rest of the team, starting quarterback, senior Matthew Nelleman holds the bone high in the air after returning from the locker room during the regional game at Hamilton Heights.



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Scores
S. Bend Riley W 50-13
Chesterton W 56-7
Lowell W 21-0
Munster W 63-0
Morton W 58-13
Highland W 71-0
Hammond High W 64-0
Andrean W 42-21
Hobart W 35-10
Clark W 64-7
Gavit W 63-0
Morton W 24-21
Hamilton Heights W 43-14
Northwood L 10-17
GHS





Row 1: Justin Kelley, Tyrese Buchanan, Brenton Strauch, Nicholas Udchitz, Joseph Spisak. Row 2: Austin Guzior, Nicholas Higgins, Michael Tinich, Michael Barlow, Michael Guistolisi, Mark Blount. Row 3: Abby Metsch, Alex Little, Zachary Butkus, Trevor Janke, Jorge Castillo, Jeffrey Melton, Jourdan Thomas, Gregory Joyce, Ann Higginbotham. Row 4: Chris Babbot, Daniel Keller, Donald Roach, Andre Haynes, Bradley Hardin, Ryan Galiner, Patrick Shirley, Mark Butkus, Jim Pickett, Matt Gonzalez.



Row 1: Rex Cullen, Jeffrey Reitz, Jimi Nunez, Justin Louie, Trevor Janke, Sabri Amara, Jacob Fitzsimons, Derek Hitt, Mark Blount, Austin Guzior, Michael Guistolisi, Colin Yarnelle, Jerami O'Brien. Row 2: Ball Boy N. Kudyba Ted White, Julio Cisneros, Russ Radke, Pat Janke, Jimmy Maskovich, Matt Gonzalez, Alex Brandon, Jim Pickett, Brian Orkis, Bo Radke, Abby Zarndt, Ballboy T. Kudyba. Row 3: Michael Tinich, Eric Ritter, Matthew Alvarez, Alex McCampbell, Corey Nash, Bryant Hobbs, Brandon Pollard, Brandon Veronesi, Drew Rogowski, Brian Bell, Anthony Zarndt, Zachary Udchitz, Nathan Vaughan. Row 4: Jacob Gazarkiewicz, Garrett Graves, Zachary Butkus, Leondre Cobb, Patrick Shirley, Adrian Burnham, Devin Heller, Zachary Macak, Brandon Brown, Gregory Joyce, Donald Roach, Mark Butkus, Danny Calhoun. Row 5: Mark Arndt, Joshua Hoogeveen, Eric Andree, Jarrod Macak, Colby Lamb, Beau Leimbach, Nathan Lehmann, Douglas Ashenbaugh, Daniel Woloszyn, Kyle Najar, Josh Gonzalez, Thomas Lenker, William Hobbs, Anthony Concialdi. Row 6: Ryan Galiher, Zachary Stevens, David Alexander, Michael White, Brett Schoon, Christopher Mansanarez, Benjamin Geffert, Bradley Begeske, Darrin Robbins, Rob Buehler, Matthew Nelleman, Andrew Nashkoff, Kaleb Matthews.



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Returning from the locker room during half time Griffith High School's football team sprints out to the field with much enthusiasm to continue their game for another victory, later to be added to their 13-1 record.

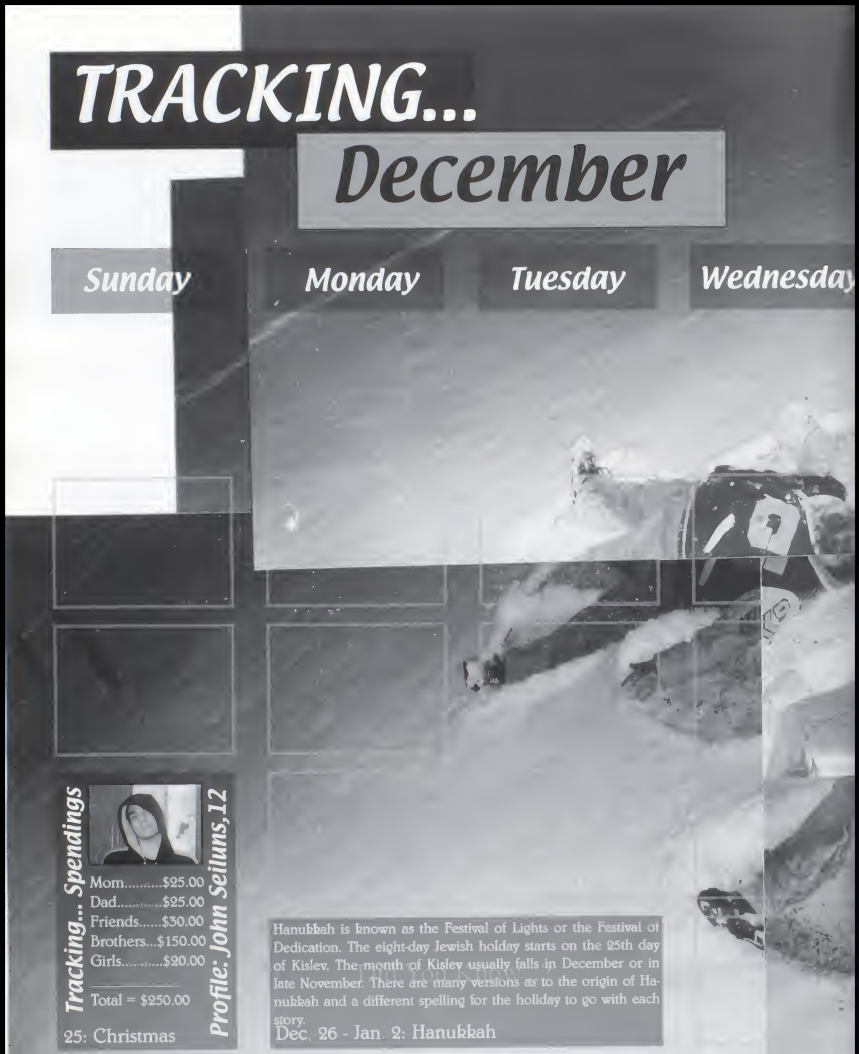
"Try to be a part of the team as much as you can because it's the only chance you'll have to play football," advised senior Michael White. Griffith's offensive line gets low to begin their play.



TRACKING...

December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday



Tracking... Spendings

Mom.....$25.00
Dad.....$25.00
Friends.....$30.00
Brothers...$150.00
Girls.....$20.00

Total = $250.00

25: Christmas

Profile: John Seiluns, 12

Hanukkah is known as the Festival of Lights or the Festival of Dedication. The eight-day Jewish holiday starts on the 25th day of Kislev. The month of Kislev usually falls in December or in late November. There are many versions as to the origin of Hanukkah and a different spelling for the holiday to go with each story.

Dec. 26 - Jan. 2: Hanukkah

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

DECEMBER SPORTS

Basketball

Girls'

T 12-2: Munster (JV/V) 6:00

T 12-6: LAC Tmy. (V)

T 12-8: LAC Tmy. (V)

T 12-10: LAC Tmy. (V)

H 12-16: Hobart (JV/V) 6:00

H 12-20: Bishop Noll (JV/V) 6:00

H 12-30: Lake Central (JV/V) 6:00

Freshmen

T 12-5: East Chicago Central (6:30)

H 12-12: Andrean 6:30

H 12-14: Whiting 6:30

Boys

T 12-3: Calumet (JV/V) 6:00

H 12-9: Andrean (JV/V) 6:00

T 12-13: LAC Tmy. (V)

T 12-15: LAC Tmy. (V)

T 12-17: LAC Tmy. (V)

T 12-21: Morton (JV/V) 6:00

H 12-28: Whiting (JV/V) 6:00

Freshmen

T 12-1: Hobart 6:00

H 12-5: Lake Station 6:30

H 12-6: Hammond High 6:30

T 12-8: River Forest 6:00

T 12-14: Andrean 6:00

T 12-20: Gavit Frosh. Tmy. 9:00 am

Swimming

Boys

T 12-1: Hobart (JV/V) 6:00

T 12-5: Munster Relays (JV/V) 9:00 am

T 12-6: Munster (JV/V) 6:00

H 12-8: Rensselaer Cent (JV/V) 6:00

H 12-13: Gary West Side (JV/V) 5:30

H 12-15: Merrillville (JV/V)

Girls

T 12-1: Hobart (JV/V) 6:00

T 12-6: Munster (JV/V) 6:00

H 12-8: Rensselaer (JV/V) 5:30

H 12-10: GHS Invite (V) 9:00 am

H 12-13: West Side (JV/V) 6:00

H 12-15: Merrillville (JV/V) 6:00

Wrestling

T 12-1: Harvest Classic (V) 8:30 am

T 12-3: Lowell JV Invite (JV) 8:30 am

T 12-10: Calumet Point Tmy (Frosh/Soph) 8:30 am

T 12-10: Tri-Invite Invite (V) 9:30 am

T 12-17: Munster Super Duals (JV/V) 8:30 am

T 12-20: LAC JV Tmy (JV) 9:30 am

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Dec. 21-Jan. 2: Winter Break



Curt Koenigsknecht, 11

Christmas Day: Had dinner at grandma's house in Indianapolis (mom's side)

Christmas Eve: Went to grandma's house on dad's side of the family for dinner.

New Year's Day: Watched football.

New Year's Eve: Went out to a friends house to hang out.





I was at home in bed sleeping.

Patrick Irwin, 9



I was with Kelly Staszak at a friend's house.

Benjamin Geffert, 11

Where were you when the clock struck midnight?

31: New Year's Eve

Scores

Calumet W 51- 46
Andrean L 33- 72
Bishop Noll L 50- 62
Kankakee Valley W 76- 72
Crown Point L 53- 62
Morton L 59- 64
Whiting W 45- 41
Bishop Noll W 48- 44
Hebron L 47- 71
Highland L 35- 66
Hammond L 53-66
S. B. Washington L 29-82
Lowell W 44-42
Munster L 53-66
Kankakee Valley W 67-61
Hobart L 66-67
Wheeler L 40-52
Clark W 65-59
Lake Station W 56-53
Gavit L 43-45

GHS

Boys B-Ball

As the surrounding crowd nervously hopes for the team to score another point, senior Matthew Coddington takes a deep breath and concentrates on perfecting his freethrow stance to make the basket.



Lyndley Clarkson



Tracking Basketball Facts

1. Basketball was invented in 1891 by James Naismith.

2. At first, hoops were made of wire and were only peach baskets.

3. The three-pointer was first used by the NBA before the 1979-80 basketball season.

4. The most points scored by one player in a single game is 100, set by Wilt Chamberlain.

5. Kareem Abdul-Jabbar scored a record 38,387 points during his 20 season career in the NBA.





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The crowd is on its feet and cheering as junior Nathan Lehmann recovers the basketball from the opposing team's basket. Anxious to continue the game, Lehmann quickly looks around to pass the ball to another teammate.

Showing off all of the hard work and practice he has put into basketball this year, sophomore Douglas Ashenbaugh is ready to pass to an open teammate on the court while trying to avoid the defensive team.



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Trying to stop the opposing team from getting the ball, sophomore Jacob Fitzsimons watches the movements of the other players to know where to go next. This was Fitzsimons' first year on the varsity team.

Watching a perfect freethrow shot go through the hoop, junior Corey Nash waits to get underneath the hoop in hopes of getting the ball and scoring more points. Nash played on both junior varsity and varsity teams this year.



Row 1: Jeffrey Reyna, Jacob Fitzsimons, Daniel Vanek, Nicholas Doell Row 2: Brian Bell, Aaron Salczynski, Douglas Ashenbaugh, Matthew Coddington, Bryant Hobbs Row 3: Nathan Lehmann, Matt Kuna, Benjamin Geffert, Michael White, Alex Wilcoxson



Row 1: Devin Fogarty, Jeffrey Reyna, Daniel Vanek, Patrick Kolisz, Jeremiah Frankley, Desmond Neylon Row 2: Trey Bailey, David Alexander, Allen McClendon, Adrian Burnham, Jacob Fitzsimons



Row 1: Travis Litke, Anthony Solivais, Danny Torob, Tim Malewicki, Albert Webb, Nicholas Udchitz Row 2: Scott Brown, Joshua Gibson, Brad Hardin, Ryan Dixon, Nick Trauscht



Row 1: Annie Hernandez, Jessica Gallinatti, Molly Orzechowicz
Row 2: Renee Cabrales, Amanda Crook, Ashley Baker, Alicia Kielbasa, Stefanie Brown, Keri Markut Row 3: Samantha Quintero, Tony Scheub, Alana Massa, Megan Swanson, Tom Golumbeck, Kristen Mathews, Caitlin Terpstra, Sarah Bacan, Justin Jones



Row 1: Amanda Stinnett, Brittany Tinnin, Anna Williams Row 2: Lindsay Brandner, Stefanie Brown, Kellie Bubala, Brandi Heidler, Keri Markut, Amanda Crook Row 3: Samantha Quintero, Justine Jones, Sarah Bacan, Megan Swanson, Justine Jones



Row 1: Ann Higginbotham, Shelby Boilek, Danielle Aguilera, Gabrielle Leimbach, Priscilla Sepulveda, Stephanie Hobbs Row 2: Alex Brandon, Abby Metsch, Britney Cabrales Jamie Chancellor, Stephanie Nowak, Jessica Henderson, Jamie Freeman

Waiting with anticipation, the girls basketball team watches the game and hope for another victory. "My goals for every game were just to win and send out a message to other teams to look out for us," said senior Kristen Mathews.

Although the team did not bring back the victory of winning the Hammond game they are very proud of the effort put forth into it. "I was upset to lose to Hammond, but we worked really hard," said senior Caitlin Terpstra.





Girls B-Ball





Lyndley Clarkson



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"I loved the team this year, we got along really well," said junior Annie Hernandez. "but I felt really sad when our season ended because we played really hard as a team and won a lot of games," said Hernandez.



Lyndley Clarkson



Lyndley Clarkson

Focusing so that she can score, freshman Amanda Stinnett concentrates on her goal. "I liked the basketball team this year. We had a lot of fun, and all of the practices were the highlights of the season," said Stinnett.

Ready to shoot the ball, freshman Lindsay Brandner pays close attention to her target. "Everyone on the team worked together and I loved being able to bond with everyone and improve ourselves as a team," said Brandner.



Lyndley Clarkson

Scores

- Andrean- Scrimmage
- Wheeler- 42-38
- River Forest- 48-18
- Hammond- 38-40
- Gavit- 43-18
- Kankakee Valley- 49-30
- Hebron- 46-26
- Munster- 39-36
- Hobart- 31-39
- Bishop Noll- 48-49
- Lake Central- 42-51
- Lowell- 35-33
- Morton- 42-41
- Calumet- 39-36
- S. B. Washington- 31-63
- Whiting- 48-33
- Andrean- 42-39
- Highland- 34-38
- Clark- 50-21

GHS

Making the World a Better Place

By Darci Lopez

To help people or work for no pay is what we like to call volunteering. People have different reasons for why they volunteer.

"It leaves me feeling with the satisfaction that I helped someone and made their life easier in some way," sophomore Emily Ciordianu said.

Every year at Griffith High School a club meets, known as FCCLA (Family Career Community Leaders Of America). In this club they take field trips to do acts of volunteering.

"I like to visit them because they all seem lonely," said junior Olivia Wagman. Whether it is visiting the elders or going to a homeless shelter, the volunteers seem to feel good about it.

"I wanted to go to the homeless shelter because it's a good experience. I felt good about myself by the end of the day," said junior Megan Verbeke.

Margie Keithley and Andrea McMullin, Family and Consumer Science, took on the responsibility of being the club's leader. "Though, running FCCLA, setting appointments, ect. Are kind of tough, teenagers are awesome when they are encouraged. They do great things and I wanted to be apart of it," Keithley said. time FCCLA members take to help needy people seems to be worth it.

What do you think of when you hear the word volunteer?

"I think of words that start with V" ~Elise Garcia, 11

"I think of giving up your time for no money" ~Daniel Vanek, 11

"I think of helpers" ~Matt Gurrola, 11

"I think of free help" ~Miranda Prior, 11

"I think of United Ways" ~James Bobowski, 11

"I think of helping the elderly in nursing homes, like this lady Julia I know" ~Kelsey Troxel, 11

Donating food to the needy is a great way of showing you care about the world. Sophomore DeAndria Robinson is sorting the food that was brought in for the food drive. "It doesn't bother me that I stay after to help. It makes me feel good, "said Robinson

Volunteer work can be done in many ways. Senior Crystal Bechtold is reading to an elementary student on a FCCLA field trip. "Volunteering makes me feel good about myself when I go to sleep at night," Bechtold said.



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Vacuuming the chairs to clean at the homeless center for FCCLA, junior Megan Verbeke concentrates on making their home a nice place to be. "I love volunteering and meeting people and just seeing how they live," Verbeke said.



Lyndley Clarkson



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Clarkson

Sewing needed objects for the homeless shelter field trip for FCCLA, senior Mallory Gatlin does it with great pride. "Helping people makes me feel like I made a difference in someones life," Gatlin said.

With her thinking cap on, sophomore Jamie Freeman tries to figure out the class percentages for the food drive to see who is the winner. "Helping people make their lives easier is something I enjoy doing," Freeman said.

FIRST ROW :Aundalyse Parquet, Erin Moore,Jace McMullin, Jamie Freeman,Andre Rodgers **SECOND ROW** :Cassie Johnstone, Jessica Mendosa, Antionette Rodgers, Cory Jung,Trisha Brumley, Emily Cioroianu, Cassie Bailey, Joy Helfen, Olivia Martinez, DeAndria Robinson **THIRD ROW:** Ashley Roll, Laura Matovina,Auvon Chandler, Jeanette Soy, Ellen Hurdish, Elizabeth Thrall, Timothy Schell, Britney Hill, Laura Solivais



Student Council

FIRST ROW: Michelle Conner, Timothy Garibay, Caitlin Terpstra, Mallory Gatlin **SECOND ROW:** Sarah Williams, Billy Cahill, Zoran Kvgnc, Elise Garcia, Jessica Gerlich, Alexis Gonzalez, Emily Cutka **THIRD ROW:** Olivia Barlow, Joy Helfen, William Hobbs, Lisa Worley, Megan Swanson, James Kobowski, Crystal Chandler, Elyse Janke, Laura Matovina **FOURTH ROW:** Alan Kus , Nicholas Leep, Matt Kuna, Robbie Buehler, Adam Brandner, Nathan Lehmann, Lyndley Clarkson



Honor Society

FIRST ROW: Keri Markut ,Amber Reed, Olivia Martinez, Catherine Kus, Katie Miller Jessica Flutka, Caitlin Stevens, Katie Lesniewski, Christi Steffek **SECOND ROW:** Ashley Nagy, Jessica Mendoza ,DeAndria Robinson, Felicia Sutton, Aundalyse Parquet, Ellen Hurdish, Jace McMullin, Jamie Scholte, Crystal Chandler, Brittany Erikson, Cassandra Johnstone, Kellie Chavvees, Ashley Roll, Cassandra Nunez, Margie Kerthley **THIRD ROW:** Dawn Lopez, Jaqualynn Ranck, Jessica Gallinatti, Jamie Freeman, Megan Verbeke, Nicole Koleski, Brittany Watts, Nicole Spelewski, Cassie Bailey, Stephanie Hansen, Erin Moore, Kelsey Berry, Holly Jusko **FORTH ROW:** Crystal Bechtold, Elli Krespo, Antionette Rogers, Britney Hill, Laura Solivais, Mallory Gatlin, Danielle Wilson, Leah Morton, Connie Herrera ,Lauren Clark, Destiny Cox **FIFTH ROW:** Olivia Wagman, Jessica Koch, Jessica Gerlich ,Auvon Chandler ,Trisha Brumley, Rebecca Curnow, Eliana Hernandez, Jeanette Soy, Ashley Arzerello, Katie Horn , Ryan Berry, Lynette Durham, Rachel Convery, Allison Colgrove ,Sheela



FCCLA

What did you buy people for Christmas?

Ashley Stevens, 12

Mom.....Scrapbook

Dad.....Wallet

Sister.....Shirt and Plant

Crystal Chandler.....Necklace, Play-book

Emily Cutka.....Bracelet

Jessica Koch.....Belly Dancing Earrings



After he opened his stocking, sophomore Dwight Poole plays with his fireman toys that he recieved from his secret santa. Right before Christmas arrives, the two journalism staffs have a party where their Secret Santa reveals themselves.

Decorating a cake for someone's birthday in her AP English class senior Liz Gollner tries hard to concentrate so she does not make any mistakes. "Getting time off school is probably the best part about the holidays," Gollner said.



Happily singing carols around the school, senior Jaimie Scholte and junior Rob Buehler carol through the hallways during school. "I liked caroling because I got to go back and see a bunch of my old teachers," Buehler said.



Lyndley Clarkson



Lyndley Clarkson

Helping to sort through the Santa Grams, senior Troyce Wachtstetter passes a gram off to fellow senior, Jacob Gee. The Santa Grams sold for a quarter a piece around Christmas time and were available from any choir student.

Getting into the Christmas spirit, sophomore Angela Kepchar opens her Christmas gift from her Secret Santa at the Publications Christmas party. "My favorite part of Secret Santa was finding out who my secret santa was," Kepchar stated.



Jennifer Handley



Jennifer Handley



Lyndley Clarkson



Lyndley Clarkson



Lyndley Clarkson

Taking a day off from her school work, senior Mallory Gatlin uses her spare time to color in her AP English class. "I got a digital camera for Christmas," Gatlin said. "I like to take pictures so I was excited and I didn't have a real camera before."

Lighting up the halls with her smile, senior Eliana Hernandez carols through Griffith High School in hopes of spreading some Christmas cheer. "Spending time with my family and friends was my favorite part of Christmas," Hernandez said.

'Tis the Season

By: Laura Solivais

The malls are starting to get crowded and people are becoming a little bit cheerier. Houses are starting to light up with Christmas lights and decorations that everyone loves to see. This can only mean one thing, the holidays are drawing near and people are on a scavenger hunt to find the perfect gifts for everyone on their list. For students, this means that winter vacation is right around the corner. This year winter break ran from December 21 through January 2, at which time the students started packing up their backpacks and getting ready to return to the normal schedule of school and homework.

Senior Justine Yeager was looking forward to winter vacation because "I didn't have to go to school, and I got to sleep in and spend more time with my friends," Yeager stated. Over her holiday break Yeager didn't really do much. "I just spent a lot of time with my friends and my boyfriend," said Yeager.

For sophomore Samantha Royal she was looking forward to the winter break because she was able to sleep in and go snowboarding. "My favorite thing to do over the break was getting lattes because they are a nice pick-me-up after frolicking in the snow," Royal stated. Besides snowboarding and drinking lattes with her friends Royal was also able to take a trip with her family. "I went to the Alps and drank hot cocoa with my family over break," Royal said.

Another student excited for winter vacation was junior Adam Gasper. "My friend Mike was coming back into town, so I was excited about that. He moved to Michigan last year in October and it was nice to be able to see him again. I liked listening to my music over the winter break," stated Gasper. "I like Christmas Eve better than New Year's Eve because it is before Christmas, you get presents, and it is more exciting," said Gasper. "I celebrated Christmas with my family this year by going to my aunt's house. We had Christmas dinner over there," Gasper said.

The malls thinned out, and decorations came down. With the holidays over, students could return to their schoolwork, clubs, and were able to get back on track with everything that was put on hold.

TRACKING...

January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday



Nicholas Walters, 11

Q. What did you do for New Year's?
A. I stayed up for New Year's
and eating at my
parents house like eight
hours.
Q. What is your favorite
food to New Year?
A. I'm having Food

New Year's
January, 1st
2006

Q. What did you do for
New Year's?
A. I stayed at my uncle's
house and watched
movies all night."
Q. Do you have any
resolutions for new years?
A. No, I do not have any
resolutions for New
Year's



Justine Sutrill, 9

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 16th 2006

On January 15th, 1929, a leader of the civil rights movement was born in Atlanta, Georgia. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. would grow up and lead a group of people against racism and other things that he and his followers thought were unjust. On April 4th, 1968, he was shot and killed while giving one of his most famous speeches. If it wasn't for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., many feel that our nation wouldn't be the same as it is today.





Alexis Hartman, 10

Q: Do you like finals?
A: "No, because I have studying."
Q: What is the worst part about finals?
A: "Concentrating and trying to remember things from the beginning of the year."

First Semester Finals January 12th and 13th, 2006

Q: Do you like finals?
A: "Yes, because they tell you what you learned throughout the whole year."
Q: What is the worst part about finals?
A: "Spending every an hour in every class room."



Benjamin Hancock, 12



Ashley Hart, 10

Q: What do you do on your days off?
A: "I go to my friends house and hang out or do things for my mom."
Q: How late do you sleep in?
A: "It depends if I stay out late the night before."

Teacher In-service January 27th 2006

Q: What do you do on your days off?
A: "I hang out with my friends and just have a good time."
Q: How late do you sleep in?
A: "I usually sleep in until the noon."



Amy Miles, 11

January SPORTS

T 1-6: Lake County Trny. (V)
T 1-7: Lake County Trny. (V)
T 1-9: Crown Point Trny. (FR) 9:00am
T 1-11: Andrean (JV/V) 6:30
T 1-14: LAC Trny. (V) 9:00am
H *1-18: Lake Station (JV/V) 6:30*
T 1-21: Hobart Invite (JV/V) 8:00am
T 1-21: Rens. Invite (FR) 8:30am
T 1-28: IHSAA Indv. Sec. (V)

Tracking More... Events

Cheerleading/P-ettes... 60/61
Boys Swimming... 62/63
Girls Swimming... 64/65
Turnabout... 66/67/68/69

Cheerleading



Row 1: Crystal Gonzalez, Tabitha Minton, Lauren Marinos, Amy Baran Row 2: Amber Detmar, Melony Cabrales, Stacy Sanchez, Samantha Kulig Row 3: Sheila Szo, Christy Leal, Lauren Pollard, Cassandra Nunez, Kathryn Galambos.



Row 1: Christine Obermeyer, Amanda Craven
Row 2: Irma Solis, Katie Miller, Bailey Curtis.



Lyndley Clark

Yelling out a floor cheer, juniors Melony Cabrales and Samantha Kulig and sophomore Kathryn Galambos try to hit the right moves. Cabrales said "My favorite part of the season was cheer camp in the summer because there was a lot of bonding."

"I like doing quarter cheers because we get to show off all of the hard stunts we've been working on," said sophomore Lauren Pollard. Between quarters, the cheerleaders lead the crowd with a floor cheer.



Lyndley Clarkson



Lyndley Clarkson

Cheering on the floor during a time-out, sophomore Sheila Szo hits a perfect motion as she leads the crowd. "Our squad was good this year because everyone had different abilities to bring to the squad," Szo said.

Minutes before the game begins, the school song is played. "The school song is fun to perform because the whole crowd claps with us," said junior Samantha Kulig. The school song is performed after every touchdown.



Lyndley Clark



Lyndley Clarkson

Waiting alongside the Griffith Marching Band for "The Star Spangled Banner" to begin, the Pantherettes are all smiles. Before each home football game, the girls go out on the field to present the football players.

Pantherettes



Lyndley Clarkson

Performing a dance during halftime of a varsity basketball game, junior Kelly Redden hits every dance move. "I really like performing at the games because the crowd gets really into it, and there's a lot of people there," Redden said.



Lyndley Clarkson

Lining up in order on the track, the Pantherettes wait to perform their halftime routine for the crowd during a home football game. "I like doing all the fun dances," said sophomore Brittany Evanich.



Lyndley Clarkson

Dancing along with the little girls from camp, sophomore Kelley Cloghessy, junior Kelly Staszak, and freshman Morgan Momcilovich lead the group in the performance. The group included girls from preschool to eighth grade.



Row 1: Kelley Cloghessy, Brooke Miller, Jessica Phillips, Christina Lozano, Kelly Redden, Aimee Johnson, Lauren Winiecki, Alexis Hartman Row 2: Kaitlyn Gibbs, Miranda Pope, Brittany Evanich, Morgan Momcilovich, Lauren Csonka, Amy Miles, Kelly Staszak.



Lyndley Clarkson

Anticipating the start of his race, sophomore Andrew Aken waits for the official to start the race. "We had a good season even though we lost half of our team last year due to seniors graduating," said Aken.





Lyndley Clarkson

Listening to instructions being given to him, freshman Stephen Spataro gets ready to swim. Swim practice was held every day right after school with diving practice at 5:30 each night. Swimmers even came in during Christmas break.



Lyndley Clarkson

"Diving is so much harder than swimming," said senior Andre Rodgers. Attempting one of his dives that he was going to do for the sectional competition coming up later in the year, Rodgers prepares to jump.



Tracking the Boys' Swim Team Captains



Chris Parker
Grade: 11
Fun Info: "I tried to jump out of a window one time, but I got pulled back in."

Kevin Meece
Grade: 11
Fun Info: "It gets me in a good mood to see my girlfriend make disturbing faces in the morning."





Joshua Long
Grade: 10
Fun Info: "At football games I dress up as a superfan."

In the water, junior Kevin Meece talks with teammates before the start of the season's sectionals. "This season the guys on the swim team became more than just teammates, we became friends," said Meece.



Lyndley Clarkson



Lyndley Clarkson

At diving practice, diving coach Doug Price give instructions to one of his divers. "Doug is really a good coach and always strives for perfection in all of our dives," said senior Jace McMullin.



Lyndley Clarkson

Watching his teammate race, sophomore Nicholas Ficht waits to start his leg of the race. "We had a good season and we should be better next season," said Ficht.



Row 1: Dwight Poole, Stephen Spataro, Andrew Aken Row 2: Carlos Sotres, Daniel Ruks, Tyler Louviere, Andre Rodgers, Matt Cavazos Row 3: Regina Ellis, Joshua Long, Zachary Koch, Chirs Parker, Adam Brandner, Nicholas Ficht, Billy Hilbrich, Michelle Cutka Row 4: Dan Hejmej, Nathan Bryan, Jace McMullin, Russ Romulinger, Steven Byrns, Kevin Meece, Tiffany Lidster

Scores		GHS
Highland	L (54-127)	
Hobart	W (103-73)	
Munster Relays	Did Not Attend	
Munster	L (62-123)	
Rensselaer Cent.	W (100-85)	
Gary West Side	W (135-0)	
Merrillville	W (97-84)	
Calumet	W (100-3)	
Crown Point	L (63-122)	
Lowell Invite	2nd	
Morton	W (108-53)	
Wheeler	W (92-85)	
Ec Cent/Hammond	W (69-30) (80-2)	
Kankakee Valley	W (99-86)	
Clark/Moll	W (121-50) (99-0)	
Lowell	L (82-102)	

Girls' Swimming

Climbing the diving board's ladder, junior Jeri Jones awaits her diving competition. "[I decided to compete in diving] because I've always liked to swim and it was something new to try," said Jones.

"I joined the diving team because I loved to feel the freefall in the air. I also like to be around my best friends," said sophomore Jenna Jones who steadily balances herself on the diving board.



Lyndley Clarkson



Scores

Lowell	L 90-96
Gavit	W 111-58
Highland	L 58-125
Hobart	L 86-94
Munster	L 61-124
Rensselaer	L 78-105
West Side	W 127-54
Merrillville	L 62-120
Calumet	W 107-41
Crown Point	L 64-110
Morton	W 91-79
E.C. Central	W 82-16
Kankakee Valley	L 59-121
Clark/Noll	W 78-16

GHS

Swimming Through A Pool of Facts

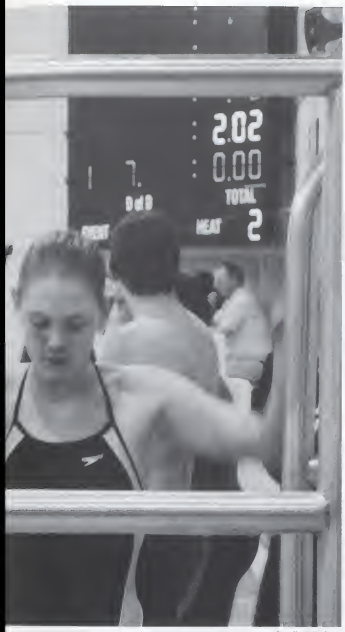
<> Elephants are capable of swimming 20 miles a day; they use their trunks as snorkels.

<> Kangaroos are excellent swimmers.

<> If you have blonde hair that goes greenish from swimming pool chlorine, put ketchup on it, and the pigment will balance out.

<> Titanic was the first ocean liner to have a swimming pool.





Lyndley Clarkson



Lyndley Clarkson

Stretched out on the floor close to the water, junior Amanda Uram cheers for her teammate. "[The most memorable part of swimming was] becoming close with the team and having fun, too much fun," laughed Uram.

Associating with the team, juniors Ashley Nagy and Lori Wartsbaugh chat. "[The funnest activity with the team was] yarning the boys' rooms with Amanda Tharp, Brittnay Rawdon, and Francis Pietrucha," said Nagy.



Lyndley Clarkson



Lyndley Clarkson

Wading in the water, sophomore Ellen Hurdish attempts warming up in the cold pool water. Hurdish is preparing to swim her race. Hurdish said, "The best part of swimming was getting to know all the girls on the team."



Lyndley Clarkson



Lyndley Clarkson

Cheering for her teammates during a swim meet in their home pool, freshman Lauren Mathews watches intently at the swimmers. "The best part of the swim team was hanging out with my friends, " said Mathews.

Keeping count for her teammate's laps during a meet against Kankakee Valley, junior Amy Sloan holds the tracker underwater. Sloan could not participate this season because of a recent injury to her back.



Front Row: Katie Lesniewski, Amber Tobias, Amanda Del Valle, Vanessa Gonzalez , Alyssa Szo Row 2: Jessica Koch, Frances Pietrucha, Jeri Jones, Angela Kepchar, Amanda Tharp, Brittany Rawdon, Ashley Nagy Row 3: Regina Ellis, Lori Wartsbaugh, Amanda Uram, Nicole Kubacki, Samantha Shuster, Amanda Purvis, Jordynn Tibbs, Michelle Cutka Row 4: Dan Hejmej, Rebecca Curnow, Jenna Jones, Alexis Bozinovich, Russ Rommelfanger, Amy Sloan, Ellen Hurdish, Zorica Kvrgic, Tiffany Lidster.



Laura Solivais

Trying to make his last turnabout dance fun, senior Michael White dances the night away. "I enjoyed this year's turnabout with my girlfriend," said White. "Dancing was fun this year even if it was by myself."

With excitement in their eyes, senior Laura Matovina and her date, which was also her boyfriend, look at the design of his tie. Some people exchange ties and garters while others exchange nothing.



Ashley Cogdill

As the night came to an end, juniors Karolina Damski and Megan Swanson enjoyed the moment with their friends from other schools. "I had a lot of fun dancing with my date Brittany Rawdon," said Damski.



Ashley Cogdill

It's "You and Me"

By: Samantha Kulig

Turnabout this year was held January 27th on a Friday. The doors opened at 6:00 p.m. with the dance's colors as silver and ice blue. It was held at Avalon Manor in Merrillville. Students had the entire day off from school, which gave the people going to the dance less stress trying to do everything that they had to do in a small amount of time. Last year, turnabout was held on a half day, which meant that students had only about four hours to get their hair done, pick up flowers, get dressed, do their nails, and all the other little things they had to do to get ready.

When arriving at the dance, students entered Avalon Manor and were given a time to take pictures, which was also something new from the years in the past. As the music started, not many students were out on the dance floor, but were waiting for more people to show up. As the number of people at Avalon Manor grew, more and more people started to dance and have fun.

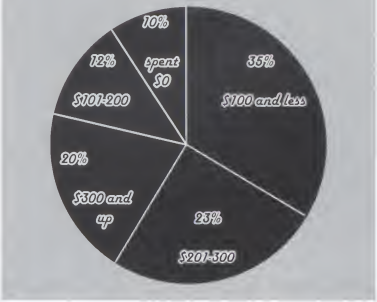
"Turnabout gave me a chance to do something I've been wanting to do for a while with my friends by my side," said junior Brittany Rawdon. "Kasia Damski was by far the best date ever!" said Rawdon. Some people just go with friends while others spent the night with their boyfriend or girlfriend.

For the select few that were nominated for turnabout prince and princess, the anticipation grew as the night went on. Finally, the DJ announced for all the candidates to go to the lobby. The princess court candidates included: Miranda Pope, Brooke Miller, Lauren Winiecki, Alexis Hartman, and Lauren Pollard. The prince court candidates included: Timothy Cooper, Kyle Najar, Douglas Ashenbaugh, Brian Abbott, and Justin Hauser. As the dances theme song "You and Me" by Lifehouse played, the newly crowned prince and princess Douglas Ashenbaugh and Lauren Pollard danced while in shock of the prize they just received. After the dance many couples or friends went out to dinner or just went home from a night to remember.



How much did you spend?

The following poll was taken by 75 sophomores.



As candidates, sophomores Alexis Hartman and Justin Hauser wait for the newly crowned prince and princess to be announced they clap for the other candidates. "I liked having matching dresses with Sam K," said Hartman.



Ashley Cogdill



Ashley Cogdill



Ashley Cogdill

While sharing a romantic moment, junior Nathan Lehmann and sophomore Miranda Pope kiss. "Dancing was my favorite part of the dance," said Lehmann, "seeing my friends all dressed up and looking pretty was also fun."



Ashley Cogdill

At their first turnabout freshmen Jessica Flutka, Kelsey Berry, and Emily Riley greet one another as they see each other all dressed up at the dance. Most freshmen took extra time to get comfortable enough to dance.

Waiting for Michelle Connor, business, to announce the new prince and princess, juniors Chris Parker and Christina Kireta hold the new crowns. "I liked crowning Doug this year because he's really cool," said Parker.


Brooke Miller


Brian Abbott


Lauren Pollard


Timothy Cooper


Lauren Winich


Kyle Najar


Alexis Hartman


Justin Hauser


Miranda Pope


Douglas Ashenbaugh

Tracking Turnabout Court 2006

Winners: Douglas Ashenbaugh and Lauren Pollard

Getting lined up and prepared seniors Josh Gonzalez, Colby Lamb, Jarrod Macak, and Christopher Mansanarez stand ready for a snap shot. Gonzalez's group inhered of him and his girlfriend senior Mallory Gatlin, and their senior friends.


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Showing off his moves, senior Colby Lamb dances for his group after the turnabout. "My most memorable part of turnabout was staying at the hotel because it was fun with [Christopher] Mansanarez, [Michael] White, and others," said Lamb.


Lauren Clark


Laura Soller

Arms linked, senior Crystal Chandler and her friend Michael McCrary move to the music. "[It was fun dancing with Mike because] he's one of few good dancers that's not afraid to have fun and just dance," Chandler said.



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Having the time of her life, senior Caralyn Salczynski wipes the shaving cream off of her face. "Chris Mansanarez was mad at me because I said something to him, so to get me back, he put shaving cream on my face," Salczynski said.

Giving it all he's got, senior Christopher Mansanarez busts out some of his best moves. "[This turnabout was my favorite because] my group and date were fun, and I finally decided to dance for the first time this year," Mansanarez said.



Laura Sullivan

Dancing the night away, freshmen Sara Nashkoff and Katie Miller bust out their moves. "[Turnabout was better than middle school dances] because it's the first formal of the year," said Miller, "and all high school grades are together."



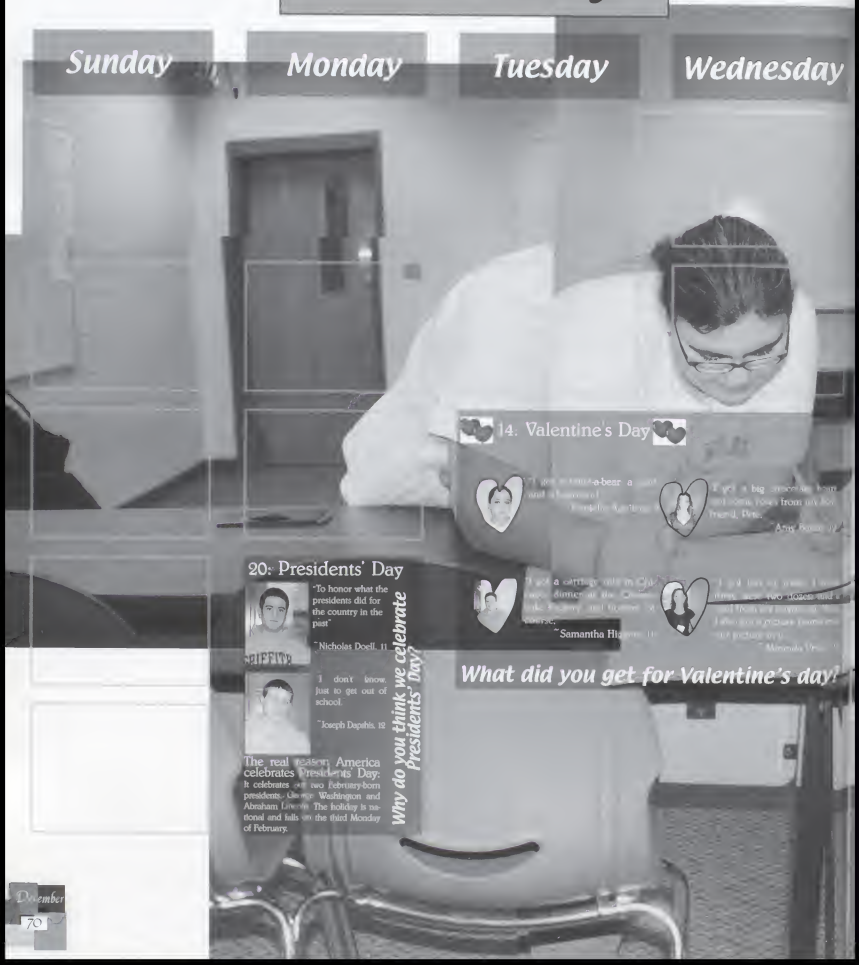
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With all the couples together and ready to go, a group of freshmen stop to take a group picture before heading off to their first high school dance. For most freshmen turnabout is a big deal because it's their first formal dance.

TRACKING...

February

Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday



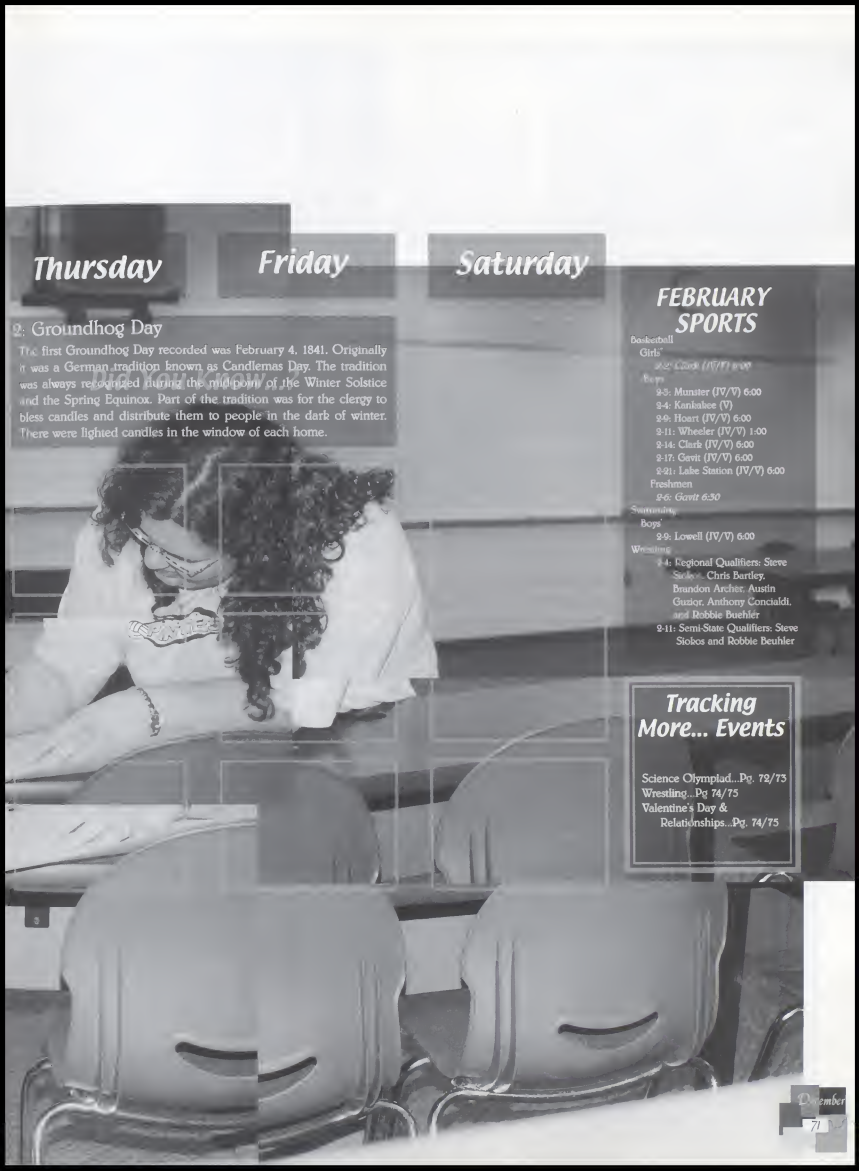
Thursday

Friday

Saturday

2: Groundhog Day

The first Groundhog Day recorded was February 4, 1841. Originally it was a German tradition known as Candlemas Day. The tradition was always recognized during the mid-point of the Winter Solstice and the Spring Equinox. Part of the tradition was for the clergy to bless candles and distribute them to people in the dark of winter. There were lighted candles in the window of each home.



FEBRUARY SPORTS

Basketball
- Girls'
  - *2-2: Clark (JV/V) 6:00*
- Boys
  - 2-3: Munster (JV/V) 6:00
  - 2-4: Kankakee (V)
  - 2-9: Hoart (JV/V) 6:00
  - 2-11: Wheeler (JV/V) 1:00
  - 2-14: Clark (JV/V) 6:00
  - 2-17: Gavit (JV/V) 6:00
  - 2-21: Lake Station (JV/V) 6:00
- Freshmen
  - *2-6: Gavit 6:30*

Swimming
- Boys'
  - 2-9: Lowell (JV/V) 6:00

Wrestling
- 2-4: Regional Qualifiers: Steve Siotos, Chris Bartley, Brandon Archer, Austin Guzior, Anthony Concialdi, and Robbie Buehler
- 2-11: Semi-State Qualifiers: Steve Siotos and Robbie Beuhler

Tracking More... Events

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A Different Kind of Sport

by Angela Kepchar

Most people think sports are physical. But have people ever thought about a sport that was all mental? Some students don't consider thinking a sport. For the Science Olympiad team, it's a whole different story to them. Thinking critically and working together as a team is a chance for these students to reach the top.

Traveling to Northwest Indiana University was very exciting for the students in the Science Olympiad. However, in order to compete, it takes a lot of studying and testing in order for the projects to work.

"It's a one day competition where we build things and take tests in order to compete," said junior Erin Moore. "This is all academic but I really like it." Moore has been competing on the Science Olympiad team for five years.

Although returning students like it, some new students are joining along with them and sharing the experience.

"It's fun and you meet new people who are awesome," said freshman Melissa Pilipow. "There's a lot of scheduling events but overall, it's really fun." Pilipow placed first in the division and fifth place in Valparaiso.

So now students can put their thinking caps on and compete in this kind of sport. It might be new to them but everyone can try new things.







Back row: Ellen Hurdish, James Bobowski, Daniel Domsic, Nicholas Leep. Middle row: Alan Kus, Emily Cutka, Erin Moore, Michelle Plucinski, Melissa Pilipow, Michael Beck Front row: Jessica Koch, Sharon Koch, Lyndley Clarkson

Science Olympiad Team

As the machine he built races by, sophomore Billy Hilbrich is proud of what he has created during his time in Science Olympiad. Thinking hard and teamwork with other students will make his racer go faster in races.

Studying for an important competition is the key thing for preparation before sophomore Daniel Domsic competes. Placing high in the competitions is very important to him so he can advance closer to state finals.



Lyndley Clarkson

As she blows into her homemade instrument, freshman Cory Jung enjoys playing in front of her fellow teammates. "I got that instrument two days before the competition and I learned how to play it by then," Jung said.

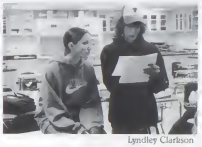


Lyndley Clarkson



Lyndley Clarkson

"It's interesting to get a chance to learn about things that you wouldn't learn in a normal class," said sophomore Ellen Hurdish. Hurdish and junior Erin Moore carefully plan out what they are going to do for their next activity.



Lyndley Clarkson

Reviewing on what needs to be done, junior James Bobowski and freshman Carly Dunn decide what their next project will be. "Oh, shoot! Robo," said Dunn. "It was one of my greatest sayings during that time."



Lyndley Clarkson

"I've worked for three years and my dream was to beat T.J. (Thomas Jefferson) and I finally did from all the hardwork I've accomplished," said freshman Catherine Kus. This can tell you that hard work really does pay off.

"Overall, Science O. did great this year as a team and it just makes me really proud of everyone," said freshman Michelle Plucinski. Plucinski and freshman Melissa Pilipow both plan to return next year with another great year.

What do you do in Science Olympiad?

1. Students test their knowledge against other students from different schools.
2. Students make and build exciting projects.
3. They study and test in order to com pete in their next competition.
4. Everyone meets new people and work with different challenges.
5. Everyone has a wonderful time working in this kind of sport.

Wrestling

Scores

Lowell	41-31 W
Franklin	12-61 L
Southmont	11-52 L
Munster	24-37 L
Calumet	21-48 L
Lake Station	34-43 L
Highland	19-49 L
Von Steuben (IL)	49-37 W
S.B. Clay	18-64 L
Munster	27-51 L
Michigan City	46-29 W
Concord	30-42 L
Hobart	17-47 L
Andrean	59-22 W
Calumet	24-47 L
Lake Station	58-16
GHS	

	Conference	Sectional	Regional
Robbie Buehler	11th	1st	2nd
Steve Siokos	11th	2nd	2nd
Kaleb Matthews	12th	1st	------

Lyndley Clarke

On the ground before a wrestling match, freshman Austin Guzior stretches out his legs. Stretching is an important part of any sport. The athletes are less likely to get hurt or sprain a muscle.



Looking to the referee for the okay signal to begin, junior Steve Siokos gets ready to wrestle at regionals. The host for regionals this year was Calumet High School. Two wrestlers from Griffith were able to advance to semi-state this year.

With a glare in his eyes, senior Kaleb Matthews looks to the other side to see if he could spot his opponent before a match. Matthews was one of two that were able to redeem the title of conference champions.



Lyndley Clarkson



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In the ready position, junior Brandon Archer awaits his opponent at sectionals. Highland was the sectional host. Archer has wrestled all three years of high school and plans to return next year.



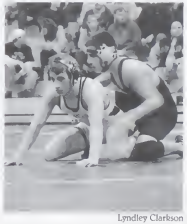
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Lyndley Clarkson

Gazing out, junior Anthony Zarndt watches another wrestling match in anticipation for his own match to begin. Zarndt, along with his teammates, did their best to show support for their fellow wrestlers.

In a line for the National Anthem, the wrestling team takes a minute to give thanks to our country. "It [wrestling] seemed like a tough challenge and I wanted to see if I could take it," freshman Michael Beck said.



Lyndley Clarkson



Lyndley Clarkson

Almost pinned down by his opponent, junior Andrew Karpati tries to escape the pin at sectionals. The wrestlers struggled during the season. In the face of adversity the wrestlers always maintained a positive attitude.



Brad Popa

Taking a break from his homework and surprised to get a rose from his Valentine, freshman Brad Hardin treasures it and realizes it's from someone special. "I got the rose from this girl, Bailey Curtis," said Hardin.

As they stand in the hall waiting for class to begin, freshman Michael Beck and sophomore Cathy Rudzinski stand by their lockers and talk before the time comes for them to depart from each other.



Jennifer Handley

As he enjoyed the roses he received, senior Alex Pierson smells the roses blissfully and awaits for more on Valentine's Day. "[Brad] Popa and I were messing around with this at the time," said Pierson. "That was pretty funny though."



Brad Popa

Love is in the Air

By: Angela Kepchar

. When people think of Valentine's Day, they think of people giving flowers, candy, cards, and teddy bears to their boyfriends and girlfriends. All through the day all everyone can hear is "I love you" to one another. Hugging and kissing is everywhere in sight. However, if people don't have a boyfriend or girlfriend, they still don't have to celebrate this holiday alone.

"I'm usually alone but sometimes I'll hang out with my friends who are couples," said sophomore Timothy Sconza.

"I don't do anything at all," said freshman Carly Dunn. "I usually celebrate Valentine's Day by myself or hang out with friends."

Although they had plans, people with boyfriends and girlfriends had plans of their own to share this holiday with them.

"I celebrate by going out with my lover," said junior Amy Sloan.

"My boyfriend is going to come over and have dinner with me," said sophomore Melissa Falkner.

"I was supposed to hang out with my guy on Valentine's Day," said sophomore Jessica Mendoza, "but this year I'm grounded so I can't do anything."

Love can be described as many things. [There are many meanings to different people]. It can mean loving you special someone. Love can also be described as liking something so much that you just can't stand being anywhere without them. This type of thing can be very hard to explain and no words can describe what true love is for there is an infinite amount of answers and one isn't enough for people.

When you ask someone "What do you think about love," this question may be the most difficult question ever asked.

"It's really confusing, but it has a great feeling to it," said sophomore Sarah Kintz.

"It's evil," said junior Tyler Louviere. Some people see it as complicating. Others see love as unexplainable and confusing. Many students say love is good and others may have to wait until they get married. Many ideas are expressed about love whether it's a positive or negative feeling about it.



Happy to receive flowers on Valentine's Day, Sarah Payne, math, stops teaching for a few minutes to gaze at her beautiful flowers. "They were sent by my husband," said Payne. "I got them seventh hour. It was a surprise!"



Brad Popa

How do you celebrate Valentine's Day?



"I like to party and have fun. I usually don't celebrate Valentine's Day." -Matthew Post, sophomore

"I go out to eat with people. Then, I find a way to have more fun after that." -Ashley Ames, freshman

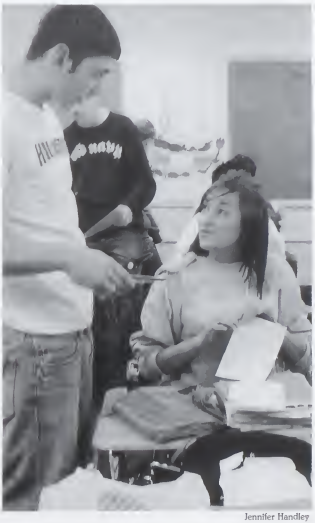




"[I celebrate it with] a bag of chips and pop." -Steven Byrns, junior



Brad Popa



Jennifer Handley

As the girls prepare the roses and Valentine's Day Grams, sophomores Ashley Roll and Auvon Chandler carefully wrap them so they can be delivered. "It took us from fourth hour to seventh hour to wrap them," said Chandler.



Jennifer Handley

After each class, senior Alex Wilcoxson and sophomore Erika Aldape talk about what their plans are for the night. "He came over and had dinner with candlelight with me," said Aldape. "He made me pasta for dinner."

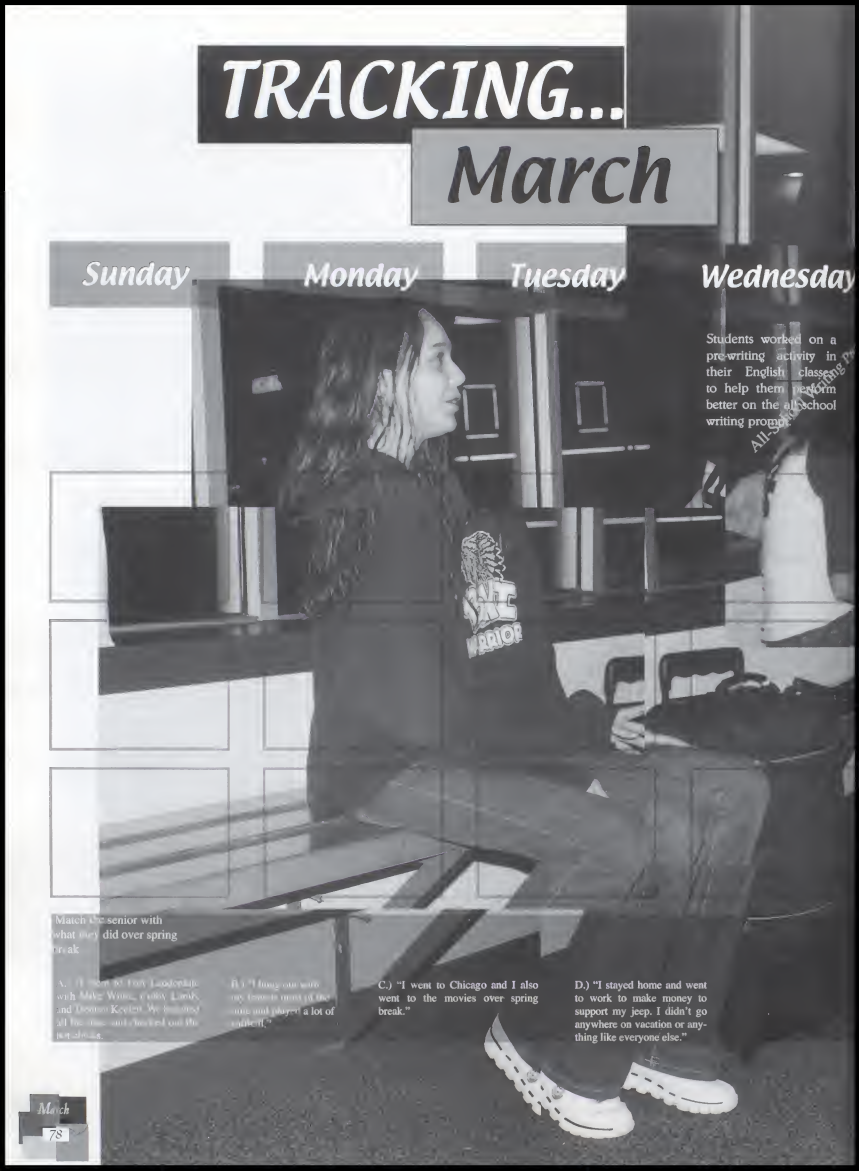
Spanish classes were also celebrating this holiday by making homemade Valentine's Day cards and writing them in Spaninsh to a special someone. Katherine Martinez, Spanish, saw this as a fun way to celebrate Valentine's day.

TRACKING...

March

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday

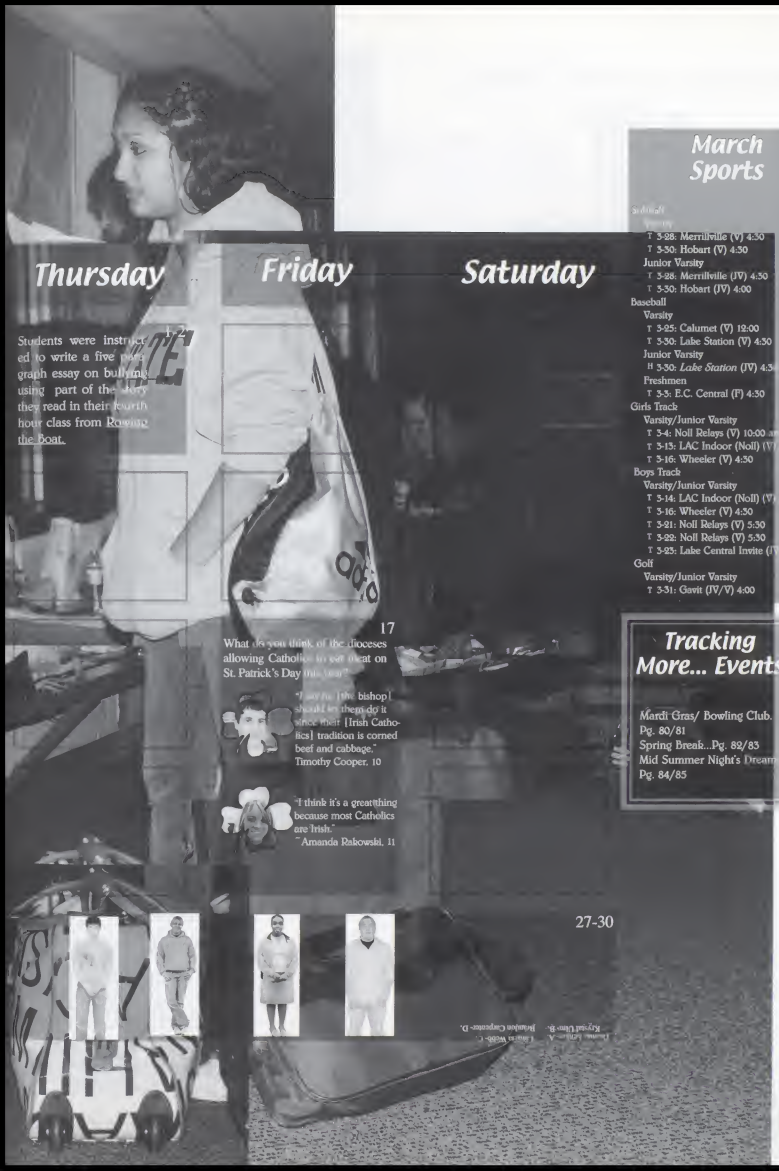
Students worked on a pre-writing activity in their English classes to help them perform better on the all-school writing prompt.



Match the senior with what they did over spring break

C.) "I went to Chicago and I also went to the movies over spring break."

D.) "I stayed home and went to work to make money to support my jeep. I didn't go anywhere on vacation or anything like everyone else."



Thursday

Students were instructed to write a five paragraph essay on bullying using part of the story they read in their fourth hour class from Rowing the Boat.

Friday

17

What do you think of the dioceses allowing Catholics to eat meat on St. Patrick's Day this year?

"I say no. [the bishop] should let them do it since their [Irish Catholics] tradition is corned beef and cabbage." Timothy Cooper, 10

"I think it's a great thing because most Catholics are Irish." Amanda Rakowski, 11

Saturday

27-30

March Sports

Softball
Varsity
T 3-28: Merrillville (V) 4:30
T 3-30: Hobart (V) 4:30
Junior Varsity
T 3-28: Merrillville (JV) 4:30
T 3-30: Hobart (JV) 4:00
Baseball
Varsity
T 3-25: Calumet (V) 12:00
T 3-30: Lake Station (V) 4:30
Junior Varsity
H 3-30: *Lake Station* (JV) 4:30
Freshmen
T 3-3: E.C. Central (F) 4:30
Girls Track
Varsity/Junior Varsity
T 3-4: Noll Relays (V) 10:00 am
T 3-13: LAC Indoor (Noll) (V) 4:30
T 3-16: Wheeler (V) 4:30
Boys Track
Varsity/Junior Varsity
T 3-14: LAC Indoor (Noll) (V) 4:30
T 3-16: Wheeler (V) 4:30
T 3-21: Noll Relays (V) 5:30
T 3-22: Noll Relays (V) 5:30
T 3-23: Lake Central Invite (JV) (V) 4:00
Golf
Varsity/Junior Varsity
T 3-31: Gavit (JV/V) 4:00

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Racking up the Party at GHS

When it becomes winter time there are some new things that start happening at GHS. Around November, students start gearing up for the "bowling season" at Griffith. Bowling club will be just around the corner and students are all trying to get the trophies at the end of the year. Students start looking for others to be on their three person bowling team. Some students became frustrated because their team members were not reliable.

"My team did fine other than the fact that we only had two people showing up," said freshman Lawrence Matovina. "I honestly absolutely hate bowling club. No one really cares about bowling at all," continued Matovina. Even though bowling club is not fun for some people other people like junior Olivia Wagman thought that the whole bowling club experiance was a lot of fun.

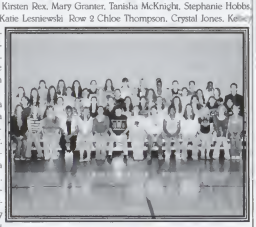
"I like that you can go and just bowl and have fun with your friends while bowling," said Wagman. "It is kind of funny because I am the worst one; not only on my team but the whole league," laughed Wagman.

Around the same time that bowling club is going on, a holiday not may people celebrate goes on at the same time. Mardi Gras happens the day before Ash Wednesday where people eat a lot of food with family and friends.

"I don't usually celebrate Mardi Gras, but it is cool because of all the parties that are going on," said Freshman Rosetta Dorin. International club sold Mardi grams to students so they could send beads and a note to their friends for Mardi gras.

By: Jace McMullin





Row 1 Jenevieve Bock-Gawrylk, Michelle Mojica, Emily Bailey, Landon Young, Andrea Mullens, Kelsey Berry, Ashley Lenker, Kirsten Rex, Mary Granter, Tanisha McKnight, Stephanie Hobbs, Catherine Kus, Katie Miller, Katie Lesniewski. Row 2 Chloe Thompson, Crystal Jones, Kelsey Pulcher, Amanda Stinnett, Ashley Cox, Codie Olar, Kristen Yost, Cory Jung, Michelle Plucinski, Aimee Johnson, Brianne Finny, Talia McKinstry, Elizabeth Vargas. Row 3 Ashley Davis, Irma Solis, Gina Gilge, Natasha Subotic, Ashley Rodgers, Brittany Bechtold, Kaitlyn Euber, Nellie Bubala, Stefanie Krukowski, Ashley Ames, Alexa Dragoin, Elizabeth Arellano, Caitlin Lozano, Eddie Covarrubias. Row 4 Jessica Fluttza, Brooke Studniarz, Carly Dunn, Alison Kitner, Alexis Bozinovich, Ashley Azzarello, Heidi Pierson, Danielle Ivy, Stephanie Nowak, Stacy Szasak, Kandice Cobb

Freshmen Girls Choir



Row 1 Josh Cunningham, Elizabeth Ryzak, Timothy Garibay, DJ Salmon, Caitlyn Labey, Cassie Bailey. Row 2 Ashley Cogdill, Elizabeth Thrall, Brian James, Arbadiusz Ryzak, Liz Gollner, Kyle Raduski, Jim Graff. Row 3 Gina Gilgie, Kelli Deweese, Jennifer Lawrence, Elizabeth Ramsey.

Art Club



Brad Popa

Getting ready to bowl his next frame at bowling club, sophomore Matthew Cavazos trys to concentrate. "I enjoy bowling club because it is something that you can do with your friends and have fun," said Cavazos.

"It was difficult to make sure that the mardi grams went to the right class," said junior Ryan Berry. Berry and other students helped out after school one day to try to figure out where all the different mardi grams had to go.



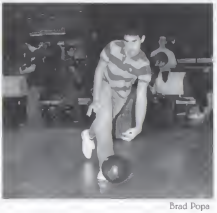
Jennifer Handley



Brad Popa



Lyndley Clarkson



Brad Popa

Trying to not mess up, sophomore Elizabeth Ryzak helps the international club with Mardi grams that were sold during the week. "It was fun making all the mardi grams with the people in International Club," said Ryzak.

Writing scores down, junior Randall Zellers waits for his turn at bowling club. "It was fun bowling with all of my friends," said Zellers. Students in bowling club meet at Plaza Lanes every Thursday.

"Bowling is not the coolest sport, but it has some of the coolest people in it," said junior Daniel Woloszyn. Griffith students often bowl to have fun with their friends after school is out for the day.

Bowling club vs. Bowling Team



Tiffany Lidster
11

Q: What is better: Bowling Club or Bowling Team?
A: "Bowling team because it is much more competitive and you learn a lot more."

Q: How long have you been bowling?
A: "Since I was 2 1/2."

Q: What is your favorite part about bowling?
A: "You get a lot of friends when you bowl."

Q: What is better: Bowling Club or Bowling Team?
A: "Bowling team because you get to bowl against other schools."

Q: How long have you been bowling?
A: "Six years."

Q: What is your favorite part about bowling?
A: "The awards that you can get for doing well."



Adam Vania
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Working and earning money could be a good thing over break. "I worked four days at Boz Hot Dogs which I didn't like," said sophomore Angela Kepchar. "By the time break was over I got paid so that was awesome."



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Attending a jewelry party, sophomore Samantha Royal sits down and chats with sophomores Amanda Crook and Keri Markut as they await the starting of the party that was hosted by sophomore Ashley Roll.

Whether it's driving her sister around, going to work, running errands, or just going to a friend's house, senior Lisa Markut is always on the run to go places. A majority of teenagers in high school rely on their cars to get them places.



What was your favorite part about Spring Break?



"I had track practice all week. I didn t have fun because the coaches made it hard; but the people are cool."
-Michael Cummins, 9

"I went to Florida for six days. I went to the beach and visited my cousins over there."
-Kimberly Tuzar, 10





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Playing basketball in the school, freshman Amanda Stinnett tests her skills out on the court. Practicing really hard can take a lot of time but it pays off. Spring Break was a perfect opportunity for practicing for games.





Spring Break is Here!

By: Angela Kepchar



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After cramming tests all in one day and finishing up homework, students were ecstatic to hear the bell ring at the end of the day. This can only mean one thing: school's out and it's Spring Break.

Screaming for joy, running out to the parking lot, and papers flying was what you could see on this day. Students couldn't wait to start having fun. A number of students traveled over break.

"I went to Texas for four days," said sophomore Brett West. "It was fun and then I hung out with my friends when I got back home."

However, those who didn't travel stayed here in Griffith and found their own kind of fun.

"I was stuck at home babysitting; but when I wasn't baby-sitting I went out and hung out with my friends," said junior Samantha Shuster.

Sports were also taking place over Spring Break. Our athletes either had practices or games to play.

"I played baseball the whole week," said sophomore Jamar Averyhart. Baseball, softball, boys and girls track, tennis, and golf were all the sports that were taking place over Spring Break.

However, another portion of students had to work over break. Whether it was getting paid or doing it voluntarily, students put all their hard work into it knowing that they did something good over Spring Break.

"[During Spring Break I] worked on construction with my family, cleaned the house, and cooked food everyday," said sophomore Amanda Purvis. When she wasn't working or cooking, she got the chance to hang out with her friends and have some fun.

"I had to go to tennis practice everyday over spring break. We had to be there by 9 o'clock everyday so I didn't really get to sleep in that much," senior Laura Solivais said.

"I was glad when spring break did get here though because I was ready for a break from all the tests that we had right before we left for break," Solivais said.

Of course, the most popular thing to do over break is to hang out with friends and go out. What better thing to do over the days off from school than to hang out with the friends everyone has? Once spring break ended that just ment that summer vacation was just around the corner and soon the seniors would be walking across the stage getting their diplomas.



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Sitting quietly outside on a great day, sophomore Emily Cioroianu escapes her mind into an exciting book. Although this could be one of her favorites, Cioroianu still had the time to hang out with friends and still finished her book.

Traveling out of town for Spring Break, junior Jeanette Bridegroom goes to Texas with her friend sophomore Rachel Convery. "I got to see my family and go to the beach," said Bridegroom.



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Concentrating on the game, junior Alana Massa works hard as she tries and makes the shot. "I've been scrimmaging throughout Spring Break," says Massa. "I wanted to get better so i just went to practices over break."

As they cruise on their ATV, sophomore Kyle Gordon and freshman Anthony Solivais stop to talk to Solivais' mom while riding around places. "We were going to the Badlands over Spring Break," said Gordon.



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Midsummer in Midwinter

"Lord, what fools these mortals be", said by Puck , is possibly the most well-known line in this years play, A Midsummer Night's Dream. In this play, the reality world and the dream world collide. A Shakespearean play was not an easy one to take on. Improvisation is nearly impossible, and quite stressful for the young actors.

The play's director, Lisa Megquier, English, said that "It was a play that I always wanted to do, and I'm glad that we decided to take on Shakespeare. It really turned out great." The sets were much like a fantasy and had a fairy tale feeling to them. Being Shakespeare, the lines were difficult to memorize and pronounce. It took some time for the actors to understand what exactly they were saying. Ultimately the students were able to pull it off an put on and extraordinary show.

Junior Kathryn Horn said, "This play was a lot of fun. Everyone did a really great job, but I think that my dog did better, ha ha." It took hard work and dedication from everyone involved in this play in order to pull it off. Commitment was shown all around by cast and crew.

"A Midsummer Night's Dream was probably the best play we have done recently because both cast and crew worked their butts off. Even though we are losing a lot of seniors after this production, I think all the training and hard work will rub off on the younger students and allow them to become talented actors," said senior Liz Gollner. A Midsummer Night's Dream is a legendary play. A lot of hardwork and dedication must be put forth by the actor and director to make the play possible.

By: Amber Tobias





Jennifer Handley

Watching over their fairy queen, freshman Catherine Kus said, "Acting in GHS productions is very fun and A Midsummer Night's dream was very magical. I enjoyed this play and I think that everyone did an awesome job."



Only moments after the last show, senior Adam Brandner said, "I was really happy to get the part of Oberon. It was a lot to memorize, but when it was all said and done it was one of the best things I've ever done in my life."



Jennifer Handley

Enthralled in his dramatic scene, senior Jacob Gee practices for opening night. "I enjoyed playing the part of Nick Bottom and I hope I'm remembered for this part and not others," said Gee.

Only a couple hours away from the opening performance, sophmore Amy Fitzgerald rolls in dirt to give her costume the perfect touch. "This play was definitly one that I will never forget," said Fitsgerald.



Jennifer Handley



Jennifer Handley

Working vigorously, Bridgett Vechey, hangs up a piece of material to give the backround the right effect. "I really liked working on the sets. I just wish I wasn't sick during try-outs or I could have been in the play," said Vechey.



Jennifer Handley

Tidbits About A Midsummer Night's Dream

"A Midsummer Night's Dream" inspired four hundred years of stories and pictures of tiny, butterfly-winged people living in the woods. Walt Disney's fairies are their descendants."

Today's Religious Right is divided on the question of whether the play is good family entertainment or a satanic exercise.

For over 200 years, the play was never put on stage except as adaptations.

The popular movie "Dead Poets Society" used the play as a metaphor for young people choosing nonconformity.

The "play-within-a-play," which retells a story from Ovid, looks like Shakespeare's parody of his own "Romeo and Juliet".

TRACKING...

April

April SPORTS

Softball

Varsity

4-1: Bonne Terre 12:00
4-3: Chaminade 4:30
4-4: Kathleen Valley 4:45
4-5: Mehlville 4:30
4-7: Mehlville 4:30
4-11: Hillsboro 4:30
4-15: Affton 4:30
4-15: South West Valley 11:30am
4-17: Bishop Noll 4:30
4-20: Lindbell 7:00
4-22: Bickford H.S. Troy 11:00am
4-25: Hillsboro 4:30
4-27: Kathleen Valley 4:45
4-28: Highland Invite 4:30
4-29: Highland Invite 9:00am

JV

4-1: Bonne Grove 12:00
4-3: Chaminade 4:30
4-4: Kathleen Valley 4:45
4-6: Mehlville 4:30

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday

A Mid Summer Night's Dream
April 7th-9th

Q: What was your favorite part of the play?
A: "When (Stephen) Bakko and (Jacob) Gee pretended to kiss."

Q: What was your favorite memory of the play?
A: "All of the tales in the dressing rooms."
Najee Campbell
10th

Caroline Herrera
9th

Q: What was your favorite part about the play?
A: "Where after the plays everyone would just hang out and have fun."

Stephen Bakko
10th

Q: Who is your favorite character from the musical RENT?
A: "Mark because he is down to earth and he likes to do filming and all that and I do too."

Members of Choir See the musical RENT in Chicago April 11th

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Megan Verbeke
11th

Q: Do you do anything with for family for easter?
A: "I go to church then after church I go to my grandmothers house."

Q: Did you even believe in the Easter Bunny?
A: "Yes."

Easter Break
April 14th-17th

Kelle Johnson
11th

Q: Do you do anything with your family for easter?
A: "Yeah, we have an easter egg hunt and we have all of my family over."

Ashley Cagell
9th

Q: Did you go to the talent show?
A: "Yes."

Q: Did you like the talent show?
A: "No, I thought it was horrible actually."

Talent Show
April 29th
7:00pm

Q: What was your favorite part about the talent show?
A: "The song Drugs Suck by the one freshman band."

Q: Who was the best performer at the talent show?
A: "Lenny, he was great!"

Jeremy Lees
8th

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"When a teacher teaches you she could tell the result, but with labs you can see it for yourself."
-Vanessa Gonzalez, 9

Labs vs. lecturing?

" A lab is more hands on, and when a teacher talks it is hard to keep up"
-Megan Swanson, 11







Lyndley Clarkson

"I was disecting a worm for science class. We learn about the insides of the worm. I liked the lab and got to learn a lot about worms and their insides. The best part was cutting the worm," said Julia Soto, sophomore.



Lyndley Clarkson

"I had to climb in the tree to get a rocket out that got stuck there during the lab. The lab was for Physics class and it was a really fun lab to get to do in my class and to be outside," said junior Zachary Udchitz.



"We were shooting off rockets for Physics class so we could calculate the distance they traveled in a certain period of time, and we had to try to get them across the field," said senior Sarah Williams.



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"We were building the air pressure in the rockets to launch across the field. We had to test the rockets. We also had to see if they would go across the field," said senior Andrew Mazur.



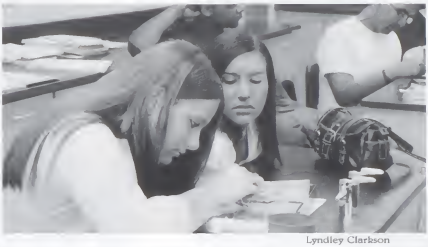
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"I was doing a lab for Physics to learn about all the angular velocities of the rockets. We had to shoot them off. It was really hot outside that day too. I liked the lab." said senior Michael White, senior.

"I was disgusted by having to disect a worm for Julie Wencloff's science class. It was really gross and disgusting. We had to pin the worm down and point out all the organs." said sophomore Samantha Eisensee.



Lyndley Clarkson

"I was testing my rocket to see how far it would go. I didn't like the lab at all because my rocket broke right in the middle of the lab, and it was really confusing." said senior Lauren Csonka.



Lyndley Clarkson



Testing It Out

Story by: Frances Pietrucha

In classrooms all over the world kids are doing labs. In the dictionary lab, students test an idea or hypothesis. These tests are done in labortories, but labs are also done in schools. Some kids love them and others hate them. Labs are more "hands on,"' rather than having a teacher sit in the front of class and talk. Most of the time you don't even know what the teacher is talking about. Teachers also like labs because it gives the students a chance to learn something without having to lecture.

Science teacher, Juile Wencloff, also likes labs because, " Labs give the students an opportunity to learn from first hand expierences. Labs are also fun and the students get to do it "

"Labs are fun, easy, and there is little work involved."
- Frank Mesa, 9

So labs aren't just fun, they are really educational as well. After a student does a lab they have a better understanding of what the teacher is talking about in class.

Freshman Frank Mesa likes labs because, "there is no writing involved and it is easy work. They also help me understand what the teacher i s talking about."

Tracking... Girls' Tennis

Aggressivley hitting the ball back to her opponent senior Claudia Rybacki hits a difficult ground stroke. Rybacki has been involved in tennis since her freshman year. This year Rybacki served as the one singles player for the team.

So hot in here: fanning herself off in between points sophomore Candice Tripp tries to cool herself down a little before starting the next point. "Quote from Tripp about why she likes doubles better than singles," Tripp said.



Lyndley Clarkson

Making sure she hits the ball just right sophomore Samantha Royal swings her racket. Royal won her match against Morton after going into a third set, winning the match for the team. "Quote from Sam about what her favorite part of the match/season was," Royal said.



Lyndley Clarkson



Scores	
Lowell	(W) 3-2
Clark	(W) 5-0
Lake Station	(W) 5-0
Hammond High	(W) 3-2
Whiting	(W) 5-0
Wheeler	(W) 4-1
Morton	(W) 3-2
Crown Point	(L) 0-5
Bishop Noll	(W) 5-0
Calumet	(W) 3-2
Hanover	(L) 2-3
Hobart	(L) 2-3
Andrean	(L) 1-4
Gavit	(L) 1-4
River Forest	(W) 3-2
GHS	





Lyndley Clarkson



Row 1: Jessica Teasdale, Amber Reed, Catherine Kus, Kelly Redden, Olivia Barlow, Holly Jusko, Chloe Anderko, Talia McKinstry, Megan Verbeke Row 2: Cathy Rudzinski, Erika Kudyba, Laura Solivais, Candice Tripp, Suzanne Pawloski, Trisha Brumley, Keela Detmar, Brandi Jones Row 3: Danielle Gazarkawicz, Sara Nashkoff, Natasha Subotic, Stefanie Brown, Amy Miles, Claudia Rybacki, Alexis Bozinovich, Ashley Ames, Elizabeth Hancock Rour 4: Kim Vessel, Ryan Berry, Samantha Royal, Justine Yeager, Ashley Azzarello, Tracy Sines, Kolie Johnson, Britney Cabrales, Danielle Wilson, Allison Colgrove, Mrs. Powers



Lyndley Clarkson

Jumping to get to the ball in time to hit it junior Jessica Bogner watches to make sure she doesn't have a late swing. This was Bogner's third year on the tennis team and second year on varsity. Bogner rotated in on varsity for the three singles position with junior Holly Jusko.

Trying to stay occupied during a tennis match can sometimes get difficult. Freshman Elizabeth Thrall found talking to her friends helps. "I enjoy tennis and the people on the team are really nice. My uncle taught me how to play when I was really little." Thrall said.

Lyndley Clarkson

Golf



Row 1: Nathan Vaughn, Zachary Koch, Shawn O'Keefe, David Ridder, Kyle Hitt
Row 2: Joshua Sims, Ryan Bandura, Daniel McFarlane, Daniel Vanek, Casey Colby
Row 3: Aaron Salcynski, Brian Kayden, Jeff Blahunka, Nathan Lehmann, Chris Parker

While lining up his shot junior Chris Parker is sure to be careful where he places his club. This was Parker's third year on the golf team. Parker feels that the team put forth a great effort this year and looks forward to new players next year.

Following through with his shot junior Ryan Bandura watches his golf ball to see if his aim was accurate. The boys golf team was under the direction of returning coach Jeff Blahunka who plans on retiring this year.



Brad Popa





Brad Popa



Stepping up to take his shot junior Brian Kayden thinks about where he wants to hit the ball so that it will end up close to or in the hole. "I enjoy playing golf because it's a lot of fun and helps the end of the year go by faster," Kayden said.

"I started playing golf when I was younger. I enjoyed playing on the team so I decided to keep playing for school," junior Chris Parker said. Overall the team came out of the season with one of their best records in a few years.



Brad Popa



Brad Popa



Brad Popa

After hitting the ball junior Brian Kayden follows through with his shot and watches to see where his ball will land. Kayden looks forward to returning next year for his senior year and hopes the team can make it out of sectionals next year.

Scores

Gavit (W) 158-213

Calumet (W) 172-179

Highland (W) 172-192

Morton (W) 176-192

Lowell ((L) 180-173

Wheeler (W) 176-201

Clark (W) 175-211

Hobart (L) 181-180

KV Invite (6th out of 13 teams) 367

Andrean (L) 171-169

Bishop Noll (W) 174-186

Whiting (W) forfeit

Lake Station (W) forfeit

Kankakee Valley (W) 174-187

Munster (L) 160-160 on fifth man score

LAC conf. Trny 352 (4 out of 15)

Lake Central 360 9th/13

GHS

What Does D.E.C.A Do For Our School?



"It inhances our schools extra curricular activities by providing another club for anyone to be in. I really liked our field trips and competitions"
~Sam Hart 12



"It teaches kids more about the real world like with business."
~Cassie Bailey 10



"It creates a group of like minded people who enjoy economics and business."
~Jason Taylor, 11

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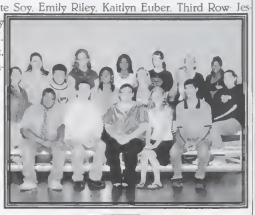


First Row: Jason Taylor, Heather Crundwell, Zorica Kvrgic, Brittany Erikson, Thom Howell Second Row: Sidney Govert, Dennis Vessel, Cassie Bailey, Lauren Becze, Emily Cioroianu, Ashley Roll, Ashley McDonald, Kendra Terzarial, Brook Sanders Third Row: Nicholas Vasquez, Sam Hart, Steven Cope, Joshua Hoogeveen, Richard Otto, Eric Andree, Timothy Schell



D.E.C.A

First Row: Andre Rogers, Steven Cope, Heather Crundwell, Crystal Bechtold, Mahmoud Issa Second Row: Elizabeth Thrall, Billy Glass, Avon Chandler, Jeanette Soy, Emily Riley, Kaitlyn Euber, Third Row: Jessica Flutka, Brittany Erikson, Brittany Hill, Jacqueline Miskiewicz, Crystal Jones, Aundalyse Parquet



S.A.D.D



Lyndley Clarkson

"I like business and I'm interested in ecomonics," said junior Jason Taylor. Taylor has been in DECA for two years now. "I enjoy it," he said. Taylor sits and talks with two other DECA members, juniors Leah Morton and Evan Hixon.

"Being in Super Bowl is fun and it looks good on college applications. My favorite part had to have been winning first place." said senior Alex Wilcoxson. Wilcoxson is planning on going away for college.



Lyndley Clarkson



Lyndley Clarkson

"I like D.E.C.A because it teaches me cool stuff about businesses," said sophomore Emily Cioroianu. She was at a D.E.C.A meeting discussing their next event they were going to try to do. "I like being in it, it's really fun."said Cioroianu.

"To be in super bowl you have to be able to concentrate at the hardest times. You are put under a lot of pressure but I enjoy it."said sophomore Samantha Royal. Royal plans on being in it until she graduates.



Lyndley Clarkson



Lyndley Clarkson

Doing a project in super bowl, sophomore Ashley Roll stands in front of the classroom. Having been involved in super bowl since middle school. Roll says that it's fun. "You learn stuff that you don't in other things," said Roll.



Lyndley Clarkson

In the beginning, I went really hard, then I started slacking toward the end," said junior Ashley Baker. "I know I didn't go as hard a I could, but always push yourself because there's always something you can do better."



Lyndley Clarkson

"I'm so proud of everyone this year, it was a lot of fun and I'll miss the seniors," said sophomore Jenna Jones. "I was so happy when I beat Katie by one second for the first time at the Munster meet."

"My goals for every meet was to get six inches higher in pole vaulting," said freshman Austin Goizer." Track is fun because you get to spend time with your friends and do something you like.



Lyndley Clarkson

"My favorite part of track was running the 800m dash," said sophomore Kyung Lim. I tried to get at least 4th place in every meet." "Our relay team got a time of 2:22, so I was happy about that."



Jumping the hurdles with fierceness, freshman Mary Granter tries to finish strong. "I think I improved a lot," said Granter, but my goals for every meet were to cut down on my times so I could get a better personal best.



Lyndley Clarkson



Lyndley Clarkson

"I got my personal best this year and I made the finals in sectionals," said senior Tom Lenker. With an incredible throw of 113.00 ft. and and even more incredible coach, Lenker's advice is to never quit.

"My favorite part about track was telling 'yo mamma' jokes," said senior Anna Williams. "I'm gonna miss being with all my girls: they helped me through a lot and I've came a long way since the beginning."





Lyndley Clarkson



Lyndley Clarkson



Row 1: Katie Lesniewski, Caitlin Stevens, Erika Aldape, Anna Williams, Brittney Hill, Mary Granter, Katie Miller, Kellie Blaski, Jessica Mendoza, Row Two: Adrianna Mitre, Joy Helfen, Aundalyse Parquet, Jelena Pupac, Lauren Mathews, Gabrielle Leimbach, Briana Greenwell, Jordynn Tibbs Row Three: Alex Brandon, Ashley Baker, Jenna Jones, Danielle Fogarty, Kristen Mathews, Carly Dunn, Stephanie Nowak, Angela Kepchar, Mike Worosz



Row 1: Justin Kelley, Tyrese Buchanan, Zachary Butkus, Austin Guzior, Desmond Neylon, Michael Beck, Matthew Alvarez, Zoron Kvgic, David Jones, Justin Jones Row Two: Mel Scheeringa, Lorris Smith, Victor Prieto, Bryan Hill, Jamie Hernandez, KyYung, Peter Lewis, Corey Breclaw, Ryan Fentress, Colin Yarnelle, Trey Bailey Row Three: Greg Joyce, Michael Gustiolisi, David Alexander, Mark Butkus, Miles Hall, Tod Basham, Timothy Schell, Michael Cummins, Anthony Zarndt, Jimi Nunez, Tom Lenker, Bo Radtke Row Four: Russ Radtke, Daniel Keller, Jake Fitsimons, Brandon Brown, Anthony Moore, Allen McClendon, Brad Hardin, Kenneth Kurpela, Doug Ashenbaugh, Rob Buehler, Zach Stevens, Brian Orkis

Track

Scores

- Bishop Noll/ECC- 1st- 71
- LAC Indoor- 5th- 36
- Noll Relays- non scoring
- Munster Invite- 3rd- 38
- Calumet Invite- 5th- 59.5
- LAC@Highland- 8th
- Griffith, BM, Highland, Morton- 2nd- 62
- Highland Invite- 4th
- Sectionals- 4th- 36

GHS

2006 REGIONAL QUALIFIERS

GIRLS

Kristen Mathews~ High Jump~ 5- 4.00~ 1st

Carly Dunn~ High Jump~ 5-00~ 4th

Britney Hill~ 100m dash~ 13.42~ 4th

Boys

David Alexander~ Long Jump~ 20-03.50

Shot Put~ Zachary Stevens~ 43-02.00

Hoping for a good outcome, sophomore Auvon Chandler applauds for the spell bowl team. "I was very dissapointed in the outcome of the competition, but I can't wait until next year," said Chandler

Quizzing each other is how juniors Olivia Barlow and Megan Swanson prepared for the competition. "Before it's really nerve wrecking and you don't want to mess up and let down the team. Just try your best," said Barlow.



Brittney Hill



"Spelling is something that is very meaningful in life for writing and reading," said junior Jessica Gerlich. Reading over the words and writing them down over and over again helped her remember the words for competition.



Jennifer Handley

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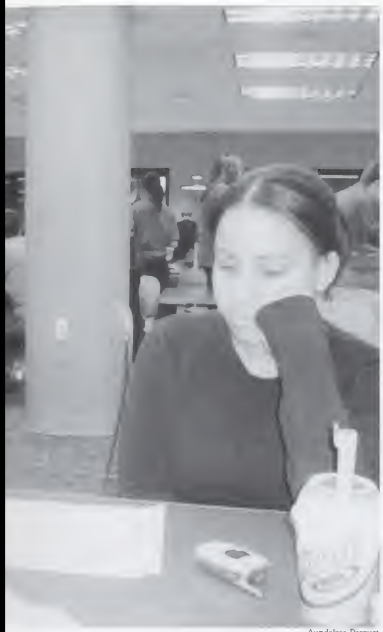
UNSCRAMBLE THIS!

(Words from spell bowl competition)

1. nagicteria
2. naesini
3. usonesicnr
4. oneicorc
5. nlatedentti
6. iebalnflial
7. eiostelhut
8. ascetn
9. seeiudbcl
10. tyeatleph
11. liwl-o'-het-ispw
12. snuentiopreut

1.) ingraciate 2.) asinine 3.) connoisseur 4.) coercion 5.) dilettante 6.) infallible 7.) silohuette 8.) secant
9.) seducible 10.) telepathy 11.) will-o -the-wisp 12.) unpretentious





Aundalyse Parquet

Row One: Brianne Stalker (Fresh), Jessica Gerlich, Aundalyse Parquet, Olivia Barlow, Teri Ramos Row Two: Jamie Freeman, Auvon Chandler, Megan Swanson, Elizabeth Hancock, Brittney Hill



Spell Bowl



Britney Hill

"On the way back from the competition we just decided to sing Christmas carols and the funny thing was that it was the beginning of November," said junior Elizabeth Hancock. "I will probably do it [spell bowl] next year."



Jennifer Handley

"My favorite part of spell bowl was hanging out with Olivia (Barlow)," said junior Megan Swanson. Swanson has been doing spell bowl since elementary school and doesn't plan on quitting yet. "I'll be back next year," Swanson added.



Aundalyse Parquet



Britney Hill

Discussing the spell bowl competition sophomore Jamie Freeman lets her mom know that she did not make her nervous. " My mom has been to every competiton that I've ever had, so I wasn't nervous at all ," said Freeman

"The challenge of spelling a word and then getting it right, it's fun," said Teresa Ramos who has been coaching spellbowl for about five years now. Her goal for next year is to win.

TRACKING...

May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday



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Mother's Day

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Memorial Day
o School

May Sports

Thursday

Softball
Varsity
Girls
T 5/3: Munster 4:30
T 5/4: Highland 4:30
H 5/10: Andrean 4:30
T 5/11: Bishop Noll 4:30
T 5/13: Michigan City Tourney 9 a.m.
T 5/19: Lowell 4:30

T 5/11: Lake Station 4:30
T 5/18: Wheeler
H 5/19: Lake Central 7:00 p.m.
T 5/20: IHSAA Sectional
T 5/23: IHSAA Sectional
T 5/25: IHSAA Sectional
Junior Varsity
H 5/3: Munster 4:30
T 5/4: Highland 4:30

Baseball
Varsity
T 5/3: Munster 4:30
H 5/5: Highland 4:30
H 5/6: Andrean 4:30
T 5/10: Bishop Noll 4:30
T 5/13: Lowell 4:45
H 5/15/5-18: LAC Tourney 4:30
T 5/17: LAC Tourney TBA
H 5/17: Lake Central 4:30
H 5/18: LC Central 4:30
H 5/20: IHSAA Sectional
Junior Varsity
H 5/3: Munster 4:30
T 5/4: Highland 4:30
H 5/6: Andrean 4:30
H 5/10: Bishop Noll 4:30
T 5/13: Lowell 4:45
H 5/18: Wheeler 4:30
Freshmen
H 5/6: Highland 4:30
H 5/6: Andrean 4:30
H 5/10: Crown Point 4:30
T 5/10: Highland 4:30
T 5/13: Lowell 4:45

Track
Girls
T 5/3: Calumet Invite (V) 4:00
T 5/4: LAC Meet (V) 4:30
T 5/10: LAC Conf. Meet (V) 4:30
T 5/16: LAC Boys/Girls Meet (V) 4:30
T 5/18: IHSAA Sectionals (V/JV) 4:30
T 5/24: IHSAA Sectionals (V) 4:30
T 5/25: IHSAA Regionals (V)
Boys
T 5/3: Lowell Relays (V) 4:00
T 5/10: LAC Conf. Meet 4:30
T 5/16: LAC Boys/Girls Meet 4:30
T 5/18: IHSAA Sectionals 4:30
T 5/24: IHSAA Regionals TBA

Golf
Boys
H 5/03: Andrean (V/JV) 4:00
H 5/05: Bishop Noll (V/JV) 4:00
T 5/11: Wheeler (V/JV) 4:00
H 5/13: Lake Station (V/JV) 4:00
T 5/15: Kankakee Valley (V/JV) 4:45
H 5/19: Hammond (V/JV) 4:00
H 5/23: Munster (V/JV) 4:00
T 5/25: LAC Conf. Tmy (V) 9:00 a.m.
T 5/31: Lake Central (V/JV)

Tennis
Girls'
H 5/03: Hobart (V/JV) 4:30
H 5/06: Andrean (V/JV) 4:00
H 5/10: Gavit (V/JV) 4:00
T 5/13: River Forest Tmy (V) 8:30
T 5/18: IHSAA Sectionals (V) TBA

Friday

Annual Junior/Senior Prom Held at Halls of St. George. Doors opened 5:30 p.m. Dinner served at 7:30 p.m.

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Senior Banquet Held at Chellas. Doors open 6 o'clock. Dinner served at 6:30 p.m.

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Senior Lunch Day

Saturday

T 5/4: Andrean 4:30
H 5/10: Portage 7:00
T 5/11: Bishop Noll 4:30
T 5/13: Hammond 4:30
T 5/16: Lowell 4:45
H 5/17: Lake Station 4:30
T 5/18: Wheeler 4:30
H 5/19: Lake Central

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Getting to know the 2006 prom queen, Molly Grzechowicz



Favorite color: green

Favorite movie: Anchorman

Favorite teacher: Keithley

Favorite actor: Jim Carrey

Favorite T.V. show Sienfield

Favorite Actress: Marylin Monroe

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Lyndley Clarkson

Dancing with his prom date, junior Billy Cahill finished up his first prom night with great memories. "I had a great time with my prom date Trisha (Brumley)," said Cahill. Prom ended at eleven o'clock this year.

As they finished up an upbeat dance together sophomore Alexis Hartman and junior Daniel Vanek wind down. The music for the prom this year had a big variety of country, rap, and slow songs.



"I was happy that they played country mus because it's my favorite and I like to line dan to it," said senior Eric Andree. This years prom all types of music were played so everyone ha a chance to dance to their favorite.



Lyndley Clarkson



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Meeting her good friends at prom, senior Ashley Schaller was all dressed up and excited for the night. "This year was my first prom and I liked it better than turnabout this year," said Schaller.



Lyndley Clarkson

Astonished by the country dancing of a few students, juniors Annie Hernandez and Kasia Damski watch carefully. "It was fun watching (Eric) Andree dance because I've never seen him dance before," said Hernandez.

Getting her hair fixed up, senior Amy Baran prepares for prom night. "I always go to the same person at the Scissori (to get my hair done), because I can tell her if I don't like it," said Baran.



Lyndley Clarkson

Enjoying the dance by her band director senior Justine Yeager finishes up the night with a fast dance. This year junior Adam Gasper was not only Yeager's prom date but went as her boyfriend too.



Lyndley Clarkson



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With ravishing attire sophomore Zachary Koch and junior Elyse Janke took many pictures before the dinner and dancing started. Many people arrived to the dance early this year because the doors opened at five-thrity.



Lyndley Clarkson



Lyndley Clarkson



Clarkson

Taking pictures before they left for prom senior Alex Wilcoxson and sophomore Erica Aldape pose for the cameras. Unlike some prom dates Wilcoxson and Aldape got to spend the night together as boyfriend and girlfriend.

Clapping for the 2006 prom court winners Molly Orzechowicz and Nathan Lehmann junior Kyle Palinca enjoys the moment. "Prom was fun this year, I liked the after parties," said Palinca.



A "Beautiful" Night

By: Keri Markut

As the days of school dwindle down, many seniors look forward to their last high school dance. With more than three-fourths of the 2005-2006 school year over, the Junior/Senior Prom is a stupendous way to let loose and just have a good time. A myriad of seniors attended prom in the company of a date or with a group of friends. This dance added one last memory to their high school experiences.

"The best part of prom was the dancing and definitely the after party," senior Renee Cabrales said.

This year's prom theme song was "You're Beautiful" with lead vocals sung by James Blunt. Tickets for this special occasion cost $43.00 for an individual and $85.00 for a couple. Instead of the original idea of the boring paper ticket, this year's attendees were given metal key chains engraved with information regarding the dance.

Prom's colors, chosen by the junior class council, were lime green, yellow, orange, and blue. Hosted by Halls of Saint George, participants of prom could enjoy the beautiful decorations in these selected colors.

On Friday, May 5, 2006, students were dismissed from school at 10:55. From noon on, girls who attended prom scrambled around frantically trying to finish last-minute details to look their best. They got their hair done, picked up flowers, got manicures and pedicures, and took pictures.

Halls of Saint George's doors opened at 5:30 pm for professional pictures to be taken, although the dance did not officially begin until 7:00 pm, only to end at 11:00 pm.

Prom court consisted of Kelly Staszak escorted by Benjamin Geffert, Kasia Damski escorted by Daniel Woloszyn, Molly Orzechowicz escorted by Corey Nash, Samantha Kulig escorted by Nathan Lehmann, and Jelena Pupac escorted by Chris Parker. Crowned king and queen with the majority of their peers' votes were Nathan Lehmann and Molly Orzechowicz.

For many students this year's prom was really fun and provided a special opportunity to cherish for the rest of their lives.





Lyndley Clarkson

Posing for a picture before prom seniors Lauren Clark and Caralyn Salczynski smile for the camera. Pictures were taken at Clark's house. "[The turnout of prom] seemed a lot bigger than last year," Clark said.



Lyndley Clarkson

Having a good time, senior Christopher Fuoss dances at prom. Fuoss' date was Sidney Govert. "[I enjoyed prom this year] because the dancing was tight and the food was good," Fuoss said.

To have a memorable prom, junior Stefanie Brown and her date, senior Drew Rogowski, dance together. "[The best part of prom this year was] the dancing and being with my boyfriend," Brown said.





Lyndley Clarkson

Exhilarated from her numerous votes, junior Molly Orzechowicz gladly accepted the crown as queen for this year's Junior/Senior Prom. Taking the status of prom king was junior Nathan Lehman.

In attendance at prom, junior Danielle Fogarty took a spot on the dance floor the whole night. Fogarty said, "[I enjoyed prom] because I went with a fun group." Fogarty was escorted by Rob Buehler.



Lyndley Clarkson



Lyndley Clarkson



Kelly Staszak and Benjamin Geffert

Kasia Damski and Daniel Woloszyn

Molly Orzechowicz and Corey Nash

Samantha Kulig and Nathan Lehmann

Helena Pupac and Chris Parker

King: Nathan Lehmann, Queen: Molly Orzechowicz

Having fun with her roll, junior Leah Morton goes through her part the night before the big show. "It's funny how... wait... nevermind," said Morton. Morton played the part of an Angel in *The Devil's Parole*.

With his first lead roll, junior Kevin Meece really makes his time in the spot light all it can be. "I really enjoyed the Student Directed Plays because it was a very cooperative effort," said Meece. Meece played the part of Franklin in *Three Questions*.



Jace McMullin



Jace McMullin





Jace McMullin

Going through the play, freshmen Amber Vanwhite asks senior Andre Rogers some question about what she should do. "The play was a lot of fun and Andre was very helpful," said Vanwhite.

At their final rehersal, sophomore Dwight Poole and senior Adam Brandner go through their play one last time. "I loved the play and my director and I can't wait to be in more plays," said Poole.

Meet the Senior Directors



Laura Matovina
12

Name: Laura Matovina
Age: 18
Play Directed: *Three Questions*
Favorite Drama Memory: When the senior guys came and kidnaped me from my house and almost falling out of Jace's car.
Future Plans: To attend Columbia College in Chicago and major in broadcast journalism.
Advice for the underclassmen: Get involved early because it will help you find out what you really want to do.



Jace McMullin
12

Name: Andrew Jace McMullin
Age: 17
Play Directed: *The Devil's Parole*
Favorite Drama Memory: Drama Night where my cast did such a great job and I got to act on stage for the final time with my best friend Andre Rodgers and fellow director Laura.
Future Plans: To attend Mississippi State University and double major in music education and musical theatre.
Advice for the underclassmen: Have as much fun as possible in high school, it goes by way too fast.



Andre Rodgers
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Name: Andre Rodgers
Age: 18
Play Directed: *Rumors*
Favorite Drama Memory: Seeing Cassie Johnstone trip and fall on stage during the musical *Pirates* our sophomore year.
Future Plans: To Major in musical theatre and music education.
Advice for the underclassmen: Never give up, always shoot for the stars and remember anything is possible when you put your mind to it. Remember: Corner of the garage, gas station on the corner, purple dinosaur, white, and MB.



Jace McMullin



Jace McMullin

"I loved the chance of getting to play a serious role," said senior Crystal Chandler. Chandler played the roll of Brenda in the play *Three Questions*. Drama Night was Chandlers final performance on stage.

Katie Horn, Jeanette Soy, Jace McMullin, Cassandra Johnstone, Amy Fitzgerald, Lisa Megquier, Larua Matovina, Crystal Chandler, Andre Rodgers, Ashley Stevens



Thespians

On the Other Side of the Stage

At the end of the year, the drama director Mrs. Lisa Megquier (English) has one last problem that she has to face. She has to chose her senior student directors for the year to come.

This year's directors were seniors Larua Matovina, Jace McMullin and Andre Rodgers. Each of them had the chance to either write or choose a play that they would like to direct at the fourth annual drama night. They also get the chance to hold auditions and run everything like a normal director would while Megquier sits in the background and just helps when she is truly needed.

When the senior directors were ready for auditions they had to make signs and get everything ready for the students who were wishing to try out. The three plays chosen were, Three Questions directed by Laura Matovina, The Devil's Parole directed by Jace McMullin and a one act musical, Rumors, which was directed and written by Andre Rodgers. "It was hard at first because we had to sort through a bunch of scripts that weren't entertaining, but when I found my play (Three Questions), I knew it was the play I wanted to do," said Matovina.

Then the senior directors had to hold practices at either their houses or the park to get ready for the big night. "I held some of my practices at Central Park and at Starbucks," said Rodgers.

"Overall the night went really well," said McMullin. All of the actors did a wonderful job and it was well worth the $2 one had to pay for the admission.

~Jace McMulin

Strumming on a Bass Guitar

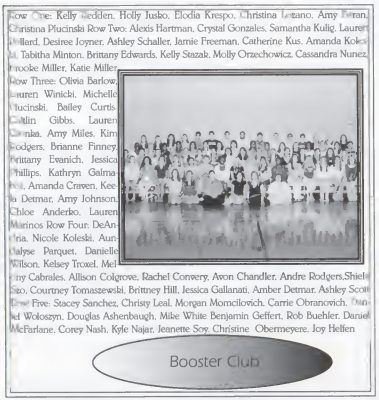
Comedies, poems, songs, instruments and skits are all things that could be found at this year's annual talent show. Saturday April 29th was the date that was set for this year's talent show. But before anyone could peform they needed to audition in front of judges to be sure that their acts were school appropriate.

Admission to the show was five dollars. The money raised from the show went to helping out students who were participating in International Club's trip to Europe over the summer.

The show started promptly at 7:00 p.m. and was held in the auditorium.

Junior Kathryn Horn was in two of the many acts throughout the night. "For my first act I sang "Seasons of Love" from the musical RENT with [seniors] Andre Rodgers, Jace McMullin, Laura Matovina, Adam Brandner, Emily Cutka, and [junior] Elizabeth Stanford. The second act I peformed was a song called "Traveling Soldier" by the Dixie Chicks with [seniors] Crystal Chandler and Laura Matovina.

~Laura Solvais





With determination in their eys. Anita Cox. Student Council Sponsor. and Kathrine Martinez. Spanish. try to narrow down the talent show contestants. This year the talent show was held on a Saturday night instead of a Friday night.



Being one of the few acts that sang and played an instrument sophomore Danny Maglish looks on his guitar to make sure he is hitting the right notes. The show was one of the last big events that the seniors took part in before they left.

As he takes a quick glance down at his amplifier senior Andrew Vaclavik tries to tune his guitar before he and his band begin to play at the annual GHS talent show. The talent show was held in the auditorium.



Lyndley Clarkson



Lyndley Clarkson



Lyndley Clarkson

While waiting for the judges to call his name to perform sophomore Jake Edwards watches from the audience as the group before him performs their act. Edwards played the electric guitar in one of the many bands that performed that night.

Getting tuned up at auditions sophomore Jake Edwards and senior Keith Boilek prepare themselves to perform. Before students could be in the talent show they had to audition in front of judges to make sure their act was school appropriate.



Lyndley Clarkson



Lyndley Clarkson

Singing to the audience sophomore Josh Long looks out to grab the attention of the audience. Long was one of several students in the show that sang in a band. Long was one of the students to be in more than one act that night.

Here we go round and round: sophomore Daniel Velez tries to ride his bike on the marry-go-round at Central Park. "I am looking forward to having new band members coming up and also only having two years left of high school," said Velez.



Lyndsey Clarkson

Helping to cheer the football team onto another victory freshmen Michael Beck, Matthew Cavazas and senior Andre Rodgers stand up and cheer. "My goal for next year is to be able to play mallets like a mad man," said Matthew Cavazas.



Catching a few minutes of sleep at the band campout freshman Caroline Herrera tries to stay warm. "I will miss the seniors next year because they made me laugh," Herrera said. Herrara plays the alto saxophone in the band.



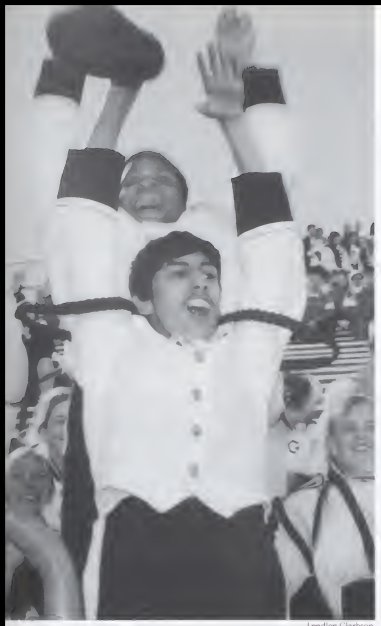
Lyndsey Clarkson



Lyndsey Clarkson

With smiles on their faces band members hide in a stair well at Band Day held at the Northern Illinois University. "The best part of band day was when we got to march on the field with the college band and all the people," Gasper said.





Lyndsey Clarkson

Row One: Caroline Herrara, Corey Jung, Candice Tripp, Cathy Rudzinski, Michelle Plucinski, Sarah Williams, Kara Johnson, Melissa Pillipow Row Two: Jessica Bogner, Lyndsey Clarkson, Jessica Shacklett, Carly Dunn, Samantha Royal, Amanda Uram, Anthony Zarndt, Matthew Cavalier, Jamie Freeman Row Three: Kara Villereal, Elizabeth Thrall, Ellen Hurdish, Nicholas Leep, Michael Beck, Andrew Vaclavick, Andre Rodgers Row Four: Andrew Mazur, Jace McMullin, Frank Davis, Carl Elsner, Jenna Jones, Jason Pearman



Concert Band

What will be your most missed memory **from** band this year?



"I will miss all the people, but I definitely will not miss marching," ~Jessica Shacklett, 12



"I think being a senior and having the freshmen look up to you and being able to have a lot of fun and Mr. Pearman," ~ Sarah Williams, 12

Page By: Laura Sullivan



Lyndsey Clarkson



Lyndsey Clarkson

With all his concentration on the puck, sophomore Frank Davis plays air hockey with some of his band friends at the hotel that the band stayed at on their trip to St. Louis. The trip was a reward for all the hard work the band had done all year.

"I love the people in band, they make everything more fun. It is a great experience," freshman Elizabeth Thrall said. Thrall along with other band members attended a band campout held at senior Sarah Williams property in Cedar Lake.

Bounce away: hanging on for dear life, Jason Pearman, band, and juniors Leonard Weltinger and Amanda Uram feel the wind hit their faces. "The scariest thing about sky diving was the impact, luckily I was wearing my helmet," Pearman said.



Lyndsey Clarkson



Row 1: Kandice Cobb, Kristen Maynard,Jacqueline Delgado, Ann Higginbottan, Kelsie Belcher. Row 2: Shelby Bolieb, Caitlin Moisant, Abby Metsch, Samantha Higgins, Kelly Bubala, Ashley Rodgers, Alison McCampbell Row 3: Mike Hernandez, Elyse Janke, Tiffany Lidster, Megan Swanson, Jessica Henderson, Katherine Kuna, Lana Damron



Row 1: Ashley Peters, Kristen Maynard, Kristen Yost, Lauren Winebi Row 2: Annie Hernandez, Megan Funk, Katherine Galambus, Elyse Garcia, Lindsey Brandner, Molly Orzechowicz
Row 3: Sarah Payne, Jason Payne, Lisa Worley, Brittany Bridges, Brandi Heidler



"It's exciting being on varsity because I get to start my freshman year. I've being playing softball since I was five years old. I've played on Munster Traveling team for four years. so I'm used to the competion. I love it," said freshman Brandi Heidler.





Brad Popa





Brad Popa

"I never played outfield; it's a new expierence. I think starting on varsity is really cool. I like being on the team with older people and also some of my friends in our freshman class. It's a nice privelage," freshman Lidnsey Brander said.

Brad Popa

I've been playing softball for 11 years. Freshman year is when I started outfield. I started playing center last year. Center pretty much controls the outfield, which makes me a leader out there," junior Molly Orzechowicz said.



Brad Popa

"I've been playing softball since I was five. This year was different because I didn't get to play. It was my first year on Varsity. I love running, and whenever they needed my help on bases I ran," said sophomore Katherine Galambus,10.

"Sectionals are really easy. Pitching is a normal thing for me. I'm use to it now, but when I first started out I was a little bit nervous. I love to pitch. It's something fun and that I enjoy doing. I love to see our team win," said junior Lisa Worley.

Brad Popa

When was the first womens professional softball league created?

In 1976, womens professional softball became known internationally. Their pay was usually between $1,000-$3,000 a year.

Scores

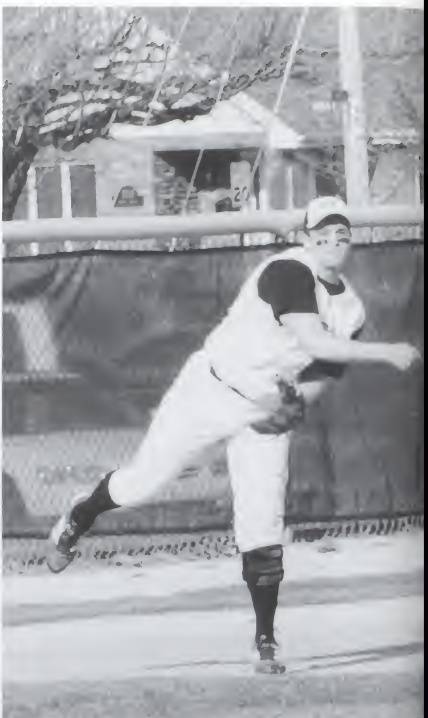
- Merrillville (W) 2-0
- Hobart (W) 3-1
- Boone Grove (W) 5-4
- Kankakee Valley (W) 5-3
- Munster (L) 1-3
- Horton (W) 11-0
- Andrean (L) 0-8
- Bishop Noll (L) 0-5
- Chesterton (L) 1-4
- Hobart (L) 2-5
- Kankakee Valley (L) 1-2
- Munster (L) 7-10
- Andrean (L) 1-12
- Portage (L) 0-3
- Bishop Noll (L) 2-5
- Lake Central (L) 0-15
- Gavit (W) 12-0
- West Lafayette (L) 0-1

GHS



Starting shortstop, ryan Bridges, junior, threw out the lead runner at a home game. Bridges has been playing baseball for three years. "I like the aspect of being in charge of the infield," Bridges said.

Juniors Corey Nash and Joe Zajac have been n varsity for two years. "Jennings was discussing our game plan in order to win the game," said Zajac. "I remeber it being a cold day, but that didn't matter, we still won," said Nash







Row 1: Nick Udchitz, Travis Litke, Chris Bartley, Mark Blount, Kevin Konopasek Row 2: Mark Miecznikowski, Zack Durnjak, Michael barlow, Trevor Janke, Michael, Zurawski, Kyle Lidster, Evan Laviolette, Michael Tinich Row 3: Jeffery Melton, Nick Trauscht, Ryan Galigher, Alex Little, Ryan Kalis



Row 1: Tyler louviere, Jerami O Brien, Curt Konopasek, Kyle Najar, David Konopasek, Joseph Zajak, Alan Kus Row 2: William Frets, Sean Hansen, Ryan Bridges, Trent Bierman, Jarrod Macak, brian Bell, Corey Nash Row 3: Daniel woloszyn, Joseph Greichunos, matt Kuna, Matthew nelleman, Nathan Bryar



Jarrod Macak, senior warms up while standing on third base just before a game. "We had a lot of fun this season. I'm really going to miss this team. They're great players and friends."

Slapping hands before a game, William Fretts, junior, gets down the line of his teammates. This is Fretts' frist year on varsity. When he's not playing first base, he's on the mound, pitching.





On the varsity team for the first time this year, sophomore Kyle Najar said, "It was a good learning experience, but I think that we should have done better than we did." Najar has been playing baseball for ten years and mainly catches

Baseball

Scores

Merrillville (W)	4-1
Lake Station (W)	17-3
Whiting@ Railcats (L)	3-4
Calumet (W)	12-0
Hobart (W)	6-3
Kankakee Valley (W)	9-7
Munster (L)	4-9
Crown Point (W)	3-0
Highland (W)	9-3
Andrean (W)	9-2
Bishop Noll (W)	4-3
Chesterton (L)	1-6
Lowell (W)	6-3
Hobart (W)	9-0
Kankakee Valley (W)	4-0
North Judson (L)	8-13
Munster (W)	3-0
Highland (W)	14-2
Andrean (L)	3-4
Bishop Noll (W)	14-2
Lowell (W)	11-1
Lake Central (W)	10-1
Calumet (W)	10-1

GHS

What was your best memory of the 2006 season?

"It was when the other team hit a foul ball into our dugout and we picked it up and spit on it. It was pretty rank, but it was tight."

~Mike Zurawski, 9

"It was really cool being able to play in every game."

~Nate Bryan, 11



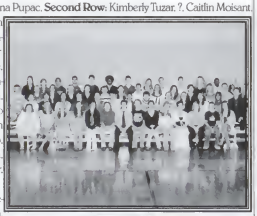


" Practice makes perfect and that's what we want to be," said freshman Molly Hitt. On occasions the chior would have to meet to practice on the weekends. "Having to go practice on my time was not bad," said Hitt.

Griffith High Schools' Chorale group got the pleasure of going to Atlanta, Georgia. During the school year they had many fundraisers to raise enough money to go. "It was really fun and it was a great experience," said senior Andre Rodgers.

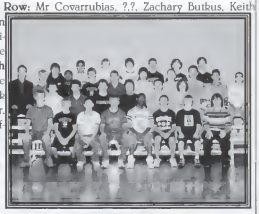


First Row: Krista Plucinsla, Kelly Reaiden,Jessica Phillips,?,Christa Staes,Karissa O'Brien, Jessica Kowal, Dwight Poole,Megan Verbecke, Stephanie Gilman, Melony Shmit, Jamie Theil, Vanessa O'Brien, ?, Jelena Pupac. **Second Row:** Kimberly Tuzar, ?, Caitlin Moisant, Lori Wartsbaugh,?,Elizabeth Hindcock, , ALexis Gonzalez, Danielle Wilson, Mr **Third Row:**?,Sara Moore, Samantha Higgons, Katie Horn, Kolie Johnson, ?, Alana Massa,Antonio ?,Becky Curnow, Elizabeth Stanford,Amanda Tharp, Katie Kleidon, Nicolas Fitch, **Forth Row:**Tiffany Lidster, ?,Steven Agularia, Troyce?, ?,William Hobbs, Nathan Leman, Karrie Obranovich, Daniel Macfarlane, Andrew Anderson, Danielle Fogarty, ?,Olivia Wagman.



Concert Chior

First Row: Michael Beck,?,?, Kevin Konopasek,?, Travis Litke, Dan Bagearly, Lawrence Matovina, **Second Row:**?, Michael Tinich, ?,?,?, Justin Gasper, ?, **Third Row:** Mr Covarrubias, ?,?, Zachary Butkus, Keith Mitchell,Kyung Hun Lim, Dan Rukes, Yijing Huang, ?, Jamie Hernandez. **Forth Row:** Richie Popovich,?, Mark Butkus,Ryan Galiher, Gregory Joyce, ?, Jeffery Melton



Choralaires



" I love practice because I love singing and I get to be with my friends at the same time, it's lik e killing two birds with one stone," said Junior Matthew Gorrola.Matthew is going to be a senior next year and plans to stay in chior.

Along with singing there is always dancing. "It gets really fun when we can do more than just singing all the time. Dancing adds more engergy and people get more into it," said senior Derek Kowal.





Laura Matovina and Zachary Koch slowly but surely get ready to sing for the little league baseball game. " I like doing things like that its better than always being in a classroom where no one hears us," sophomore Zachary koch said.

First Row: Amy Baran, Lauren Marinos, Ashlely Stevens, Amie Palmer, Laura Matovina, Cannie Herrara, Jamie Shulte, Emily Cutka, **Second Row:**Corey Nash, Andre Rodgers, Alan Kus, Josh Long, Eliana Hernandez, Crystal Candler, Ashley Churitch, Jessia Koch, Mr Covarrubias, **Third Row:** Daniel Woloszyn,Adam Brander, Rob Buehler, Arkadiusz Ryzak, Jace Mcmullin, Nathan Ryan, Zachary Koch, Tyler Louviere



Chorale

First Row: Alexis Hartman, Jamie Walenkiewicz,Nicole Koleski, ??, **Second Row:** Derek Kowal, Amber Reed, Kimberly Rodgers, Elizabth ?,Amanda Koleski,Mr Covarrubias, **Third Row:** Amy Fitzgerald, ?, Amanda Achieitwiler, Rachel Convery, Allison Colgrove

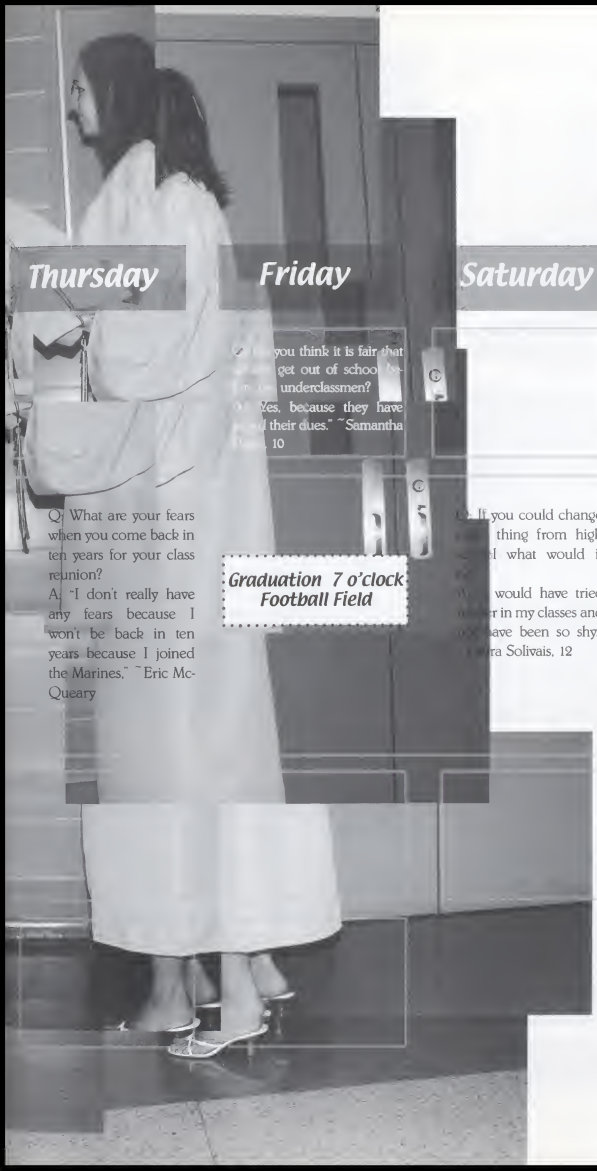


Choralettes

TRACKING...

June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
			Last day of School for underclassmen 11:55 dismissal
17 Father's Day			



Thursday

Q: What are your fears when you come back in ten years for your class reunion?

A: "I don't really have any fears because I won't be back in ten years because I joined the Marines." ~Eric McQueary

Friday

you think it is fair, that get out of school underclassmen?

Yes, because they have their dues." ~Samantha 10

Graduation 7 o'clock
Football Field

Saturday

9

Q: If you could change thing from high I what would it

would have tried r in my classes and have been so shy." ra Solivais, 12

June Sports

Softball

Golf

T [illegible] Regions

Tennis

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Golf

Track

[illegible] Sectionals

Tracking More... Events

[illegible] Pgs [illegible]

Yearbook, Newspaper. Pgs [illegible]

Sports Banquet, Graduation [illegible] Pgs [illegible]

Graduation ... Pgs 128/129

Row One: Andrea Mullens, Kellie Bubala, Ann Higginbotham, Robin Sa-
chiea, Michael Beck, Brandon Rukes, Nelson Oliver



9th Aces





Clothes are not the only thing textiles students make. Junior David Konopasek and senior Alex Wilcoxson show the crowd the frogs and matching pajama pants textiles one students made. The fashion show was held on June 1 this year.

Row One: Lisa Worley, Eric Ritter, Randall Zellers, Jessica Uerlich Row Two: James Bobowski, Matt Kuna, Billy Cahill, Teri Ramos



11th Aces



Proudly modeling off their hard work juniors Katie Kleidon and Olivia Wagmon strike their poses on the runway during the fashion show. Admission to the fashion show this year was $2 for students and $3 for adults.



Modeling off boxers seniors Drew Rogowski and Colby Lamb walk down B hall to show off the hard work of the textiles students. Instead of a written final the textiles students needed to put their sewing projects into the fashion show.

Piecing her material to the pattern sophomore Erika Aldape tries hard to make sure everything is lined up correctly before she begins to cut the pieces. Bermudez was in wardrobe planning and design this year.



Row One: Cassandra Nunez,Amy Fitzgerald, Kyle Najar, Joshua Long, Frittany Evanich Row Two: Ellen Hurdish, Jake Terpstra, Billy Hilbrich



10th Aces

While kicking back in her textiles class sophomore so and so works on her blue jean skirt for the annual fashion show. The fashion show is held every year and is put on by the textiles students.





Row One: Andrew Mazur, Alan Kus, D.J. Salmon, Joy Helfen Row Two: Timothy Garibay, Lyndley Clarkson, Nicholas Leep, Caitlin Terpstra, Teri Ramos



12th Aces

During a regular night, junior Samantha Caldwell heats up some meat for a sandwich. "I like working at the Highland Subway because I get to be close to my friends and it is an easier job for teenagers in school," said Caldwell.



Keeping busy, freshman Richie Popovich mops the floor at the Highland Subway. Some of the chores included in the job are sweeping, preparing bread for sandwiches, wiping counters, and cleaning tables.



Brad Popa

Do you think students should have a job during the school year?

"Yes, because you can have money when you need it and not rely on your parents." *Jeanette Bridegroom, 11*

"I don t think students should, but they need one to pay for stuff on their own." *Sheila Eze, 10*



Brad Popa

As she cleans up after a customer sophomore Cassie Bailey wipes down a table at the Highland Subway. Subway was a popular work place for Griffith High School students because of the location being so close to home.



Brad Popa

It's off to Work we Go

By: Rachel Convery and Casey Nunez

One thing most high school students can't get enough of is money. While some students still rely on parents for some extra cash, others venture out into the real world and get a job.

There are many job opportunites open to high school students. Some of the most common places of employment include the fast food industry, clothing stores, the library, and the movie theater.

Each student has a different reason for getting a job. Some decide to work to help out the family. Others, however, get a job for their own reasons, such as earning money for car payments, college, or just to get a little pocket change for random spending.

After getting a job, a student finally experiences the pros and cons of the working world. Earning money, meeting new people, and getting a sense of independency are some of the main pros of working. On the other hand, a student must be willing to give up a lot of time for a job. Cons include less time to spend with friends and family, no longer receiving an allowance from parents, and less time for sleep and studying.

Junior Alicia Collins got a job because she needed to pay for car insurance and her cell phone. "I'm glad that I don't work everyday because I still have time for my friends, but most of my friends have different schedules and work at different places than me," said Collins.

She started working at the Schererville Golf Center, but in Febraury she switched to Squigi's Pizza in Griffith. "I love working at Squigi's so much more than the golf center because it's easy and at the golf center I didn't get along with many of the workers," said Collins about the differences of the two jobs. Although working isn't on the top of Collins priorities she likes working because it gets her what she needs.

Deciding he needed money for a trip to Europe over the summer, sophomore David Ridder got a job at Hooters. "I like working there because we get to mess around a lot, but I don't like working there because the kitchens are hot," said Ridder.



Jennifer Handley

"Yearbook rocks because we all have a lot of fun and make a lot of memories," senior Jace McMullin said. Fellow seniors Laura Solivais and Amie Palmer work with McMullin to count out silver coins to bombard the leading penny war classes.

To entertain the newspaper and yearbook staffs during the Christmas party sophomore Dwight Poole strums on his guitar. Poole was on the newspaper staff. "I like to write and newspaper staff sounded fun," Poole said.



Jennifer Handley

With a look of excitement on her face, senior Ashley Cogdill waters Kristina Collard's plants. "I love leading the staff because I feel like I am doing something productive with my time during my senior year in high school," Cogdill said.



Row One: Jennifer Handley, Keri Markut, Britney Hill, Aundalys Parquet, Darci Lopez, Samantha Kulig, Kristina Collard Row Two: Cassandra Nunez, Angela Kepchar, Rachel Convery, Jace McMullin, Lyndley Clarkson, Ashley Cogdill, Kristen Horn Row Three: Laura Beaupain, Ashley McDonald, Emily Adams, Amanda Crook, Amie Palmer, Laura Solivais



Yearbook

Row One: Trisha Brumley, Nicole Reba, Kristina Collard, Melony Corrales, Jaqui Ranck



The Edge



Jennifer Handley

Trying to hold back a laugh junior Darci Lopez explains to freshmen Francis Pietrucha and Amanda DelValle how to work on the yearbook spreads. "The best of yearbook for me is knowing that I'm going to be editor next year," Lopez said.

"Getting your assigned stories done on time is the hardest thing about newspaper," sophomore Daniel Domsic said. Domsic disscusses the staff editorial with junior Evan Hixon while senior Andrew Mazur passes by.



Jennifer Handley

Why is your staff better than the rival staff?



[illegible]book is better [illegible]newspaper because we get to make a book that people will look back at and remember high [illegible]
[illegible]Convery, 10



"Newspaper is better than yearbook because we are always working because we have an issue that comes out every other week rather than one big production,"
~Tyler Louviere, 11

Jennifer Handley

Row One: Olivia Barlow, Michael White, Laura Matovina, Jennifer Handley, Adam Brandner, Kristina Collard Row Two: Laura Solivais, Jordyyn Tibbs, Elyse Janke*, Tyler Louviveere*, Liz Gollner*, Cassandra Johnstone, Cassie Bailey, Dwight Poole Row Three: Brandon Collard, Evan Hixon, Christopher Martin, Daniel Domsic, Justin Louie, Emily Adams



Panther Press

Row One: Laura Solivais, Laura Matovina, Amie Palmer, Jennifer Handley Row Two: Emily Cutka, Lyndley Clarkson, Adam Brandner, Ashley Cogdill, Emily Adams



Quill & Scroll



Jennifer Handley

Wating patiently for the awards ceremony to begin senior Nicholas Leep watches the stage for the signal for the crowd to take their seats. Leep received a variety of several awards this year along with a few scholarships.



Jennifer Handley

After receiving their awards students stood and waited for all the recipients to get onstage before returning to their seats. The audience was asked not to clap for the recipients until they all received their awards.



After presenting an award to junior Billy Cahill, Chrissann Walter, guidance, shows Cahill his award as Matthew Cavasoz and Ericka Aldape walk off the stage with their awards in hand.



Lyndley Clarkson

Starring out into the room senior Mallory Gatlin stands in the front of the banquet room at Chelas while waiting for everyone to be quiet so that seniors Caralyn Salczynski and Adam Brandner can announce the senior superlative awards.



Lyndley Clarkson

Taking a picture of their classmates at the senior banquet seniors Julietta Miranda and Elba Garza preview the picture to make sure it turned out good and they do not need to take it again.

Eating their dinners seniors Lauren Massa and Sarah Williams wait for the presentations to start. The banquet was held at Chela's this year and the cost of the tickets was fifteen dollars per person.



Lyndley Clarkson



Jennifer Handley



Jennifer Handley

Conversing among themselves juniors Brittney Erickson, Suzanne Pawloski, and Amanda White wait patiently in the auditorium for the next part of the awards ceremony to begin. Awards ceremony was held on Wednesday May 31.



Kathryn Horn

After joining with the chorale for the last time seniors Amie Palmer, Arkadiusz Ryzak, and Alan Kus sing at the graduation ceremony. The graduation ceremony was held on the football field at seven o'clock.

Waving to the crowd seniors Eliana Hernandez, Sam Hart and Rosamaria Hernandez proceed off the football field after the graduation ceremony. The seniors went back into the fieldhouse after the ceremony to take pictures with their friends.



Kathryn Horn

Senior Class Facts

- There were 162 students in the graduating class.
- The graduation ceremony was held on the football field for the first time since construction.
- The senior banquet was held at Chelas on May 24 at 6:30 p.m.

Page By: Laura Solfvenius

Standing tall, senior Nicholas Leep directs the band in their graduation selection. Leep was able to direct "Griffith Overture" at the graduation ceremony. The song was composed by Leep himself.

Reading her speech senior Laura Matovina prepares to tell the class of 2006 to turn their tassels from the left to the right side of their caps. Matovina was the senior class president and also in the top ten of her class.





Kathryn Horn



With their fingers in the proper positions seniors Justine Yeager and Sarah Williams try not to let their giggles affect their posture. Yeager and Williams' were among the seven senior band members to play at graduation.



Kathryn Horn



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Kathryn Horn

Trying to maintain a full tone, senior Andrew Vaclavik and sophomore Joel Gerber play "Griffith Overture." Because the ceremony was held outside, band members had to use the marching band techiques previously learned.

As she tries to stay warm valedictorian senior Joy Hellen delivers her speech to the audience. The temperature graduation night was only 55 degrees which left the graduates struggling to stay warm during the ceremony.



Kathryn Horn

We're Outta Here!

By: Laura Solivais

The time was about seven o'clock and the temperature outside was about 50 degrees on Friday night June the ninth as the class of 2006 took their final steps of their high school career. The seniors stood in two single file lines and paraded out onto the football field as bright smiles lit up their faces. As many proud parents and relatives sat watching, the 2006 seniors were presented to superintendent Peter Morikis. This years senior class consisted of 162 seniors.

Our own Griffith High School band and chorale began the ceremony with the singing and playing of the National Anthem. The graduating chorale members joined the junior chorale members for a few last songs as high school seniors. The graduating band students then followed the chorale and joined their fellow band members for one last overture composed by salutatorian and band member Nicholas Leep. The seniors then joined the rest of the class to be presented to Morikis.

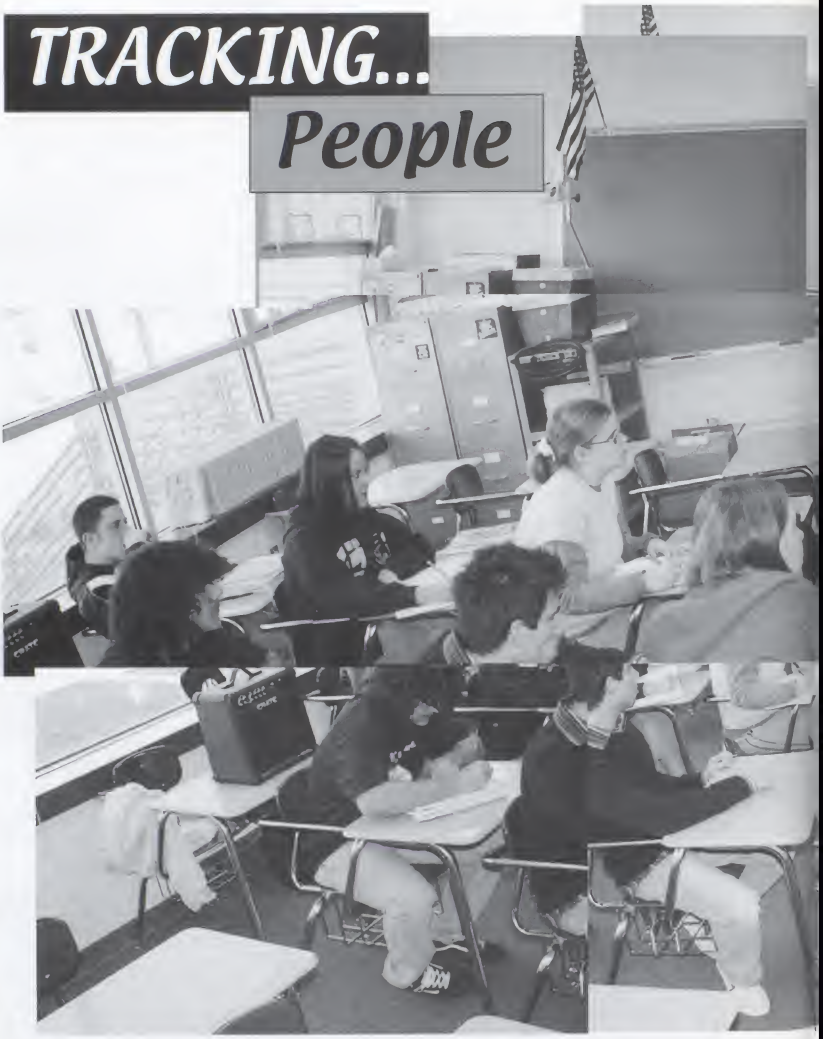
With the help of junior class council officers the rows of seniors were dismissed as principal Bill Cope, assistant principal Sharon Sanelli, and guidance counselor Chrisann Walter read off the names of the graduating seniors to walk across the stage and receive their diplomas. With the help of the junior class council officers and a select amount of teachers the graduation ceremony ran smoothly despite the cold weather and few raindrops here and there. After all the seniors received their diplomas Matovina took the microphone as she told the graduated seniors to turn their tassels from the left side to the right. As black and gold caps were tossed into the air and caught the seniors processed off the field and were ready to be greeted by friends and family.

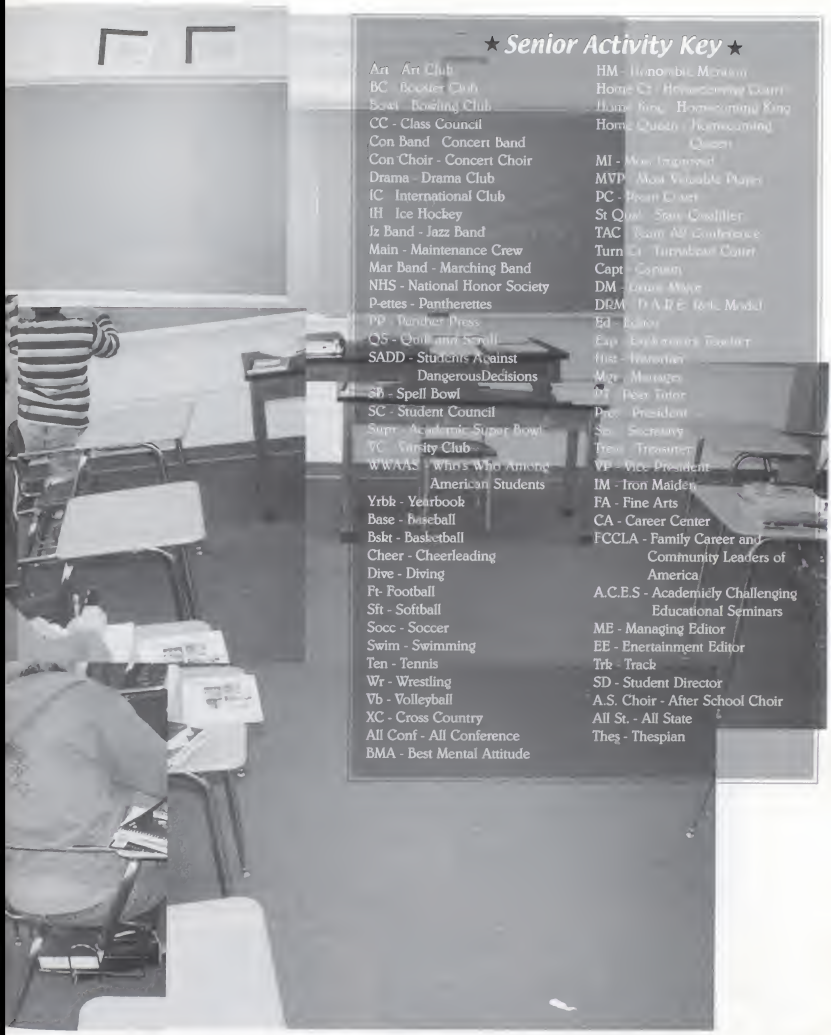
For many seniors graduation marked the closing of the first part of their lives only to await another.

Whether the seniors were looking forward to the freedom of college or the new responsibility of having a full time career one thing was for certain; the class of 2006 was ready to begin their adventure into the "real world."

TRACKING...

People





★ Senior Activity Key ★

Art - Art Club
BC - Booster Club
Bowl - Bowling Club
CC - Class Council
Con Band - Concert Band
Con Choir - Concert Choir
Drama - Drama Club
IC - International Club
IH - Ice Hockey
Jz Band - Jazz Band
Main - Maintenance Crew
Mar Band - Marching Band
NHS - National Honor Society
P-ettes - Pantherettes
PP - Panther Press
QS - Quill and Scroll
SADD - Students Against DangerousDecisions
Sb - Spell Bowl
SC - Student Council
Supr - Academic Super Bowl
VC - Varsity Club
WWAAS - Who's Who Among American Students
Yrbk - Yearbook
Base - Baseball
Bskt - Basketball
Cheer - Cheerleading
Dive - Diving
Ft- Football
Sft - Softball
Socc - Soccer
Swim - Swimming
Ten - Tennis
Wr - Wrestling
Vb - Volleyball
XC - Cross Country
All Conf - All Conference
BMA - Best Mental Attitude
HM - Honorable Mention
Home Ct - Homecoming Court
Home King - Homecoming King
Home Queen - Homecoming Queen
MI - Most Improved
MVP - Most Valuable Player
PC - Pom Court
St Qual - State Qualifier
TAC - Team All Conference
Turn Ct - Turnabout Court
Capt - Captain
DM - Drum Major
DRM - D.A.R.E. Role Model
Ed - Editor
Exp - Exchange Student
Hist - Historian
Mgr - Manager
PT - Peer Tutor
Pres - President
Sec - Secretary
Treas - Treasurer
VP - Vice President
IM - Iron Maiden
FA - Fine Arts
CA - Career Center
FCCLA - Family Career and Community Leaders of America
A.C.E.S - Academicly Challenging Educational Seminars
ME - Managing Editor
EE - Enertainment Editor
Trk - Track
SD - Student Director
A.S. Choir - After School Choir
All St. - All State
Thes - Thespian

Seniors

Emily Adams
James Anderson
Eric Andree - Fr 9 0 11 12, Trk 9 10
Andrew Bailey






Amy Baran - Sfr 9 10 (BMA 10), Cheer 10 11 12 (MI 10), BC 10 11 12 (Pres 12), Turn Ct 10, Home Ct 12, Choir 9 10 11 12.
Crystal Bechtold - FCCLA 10 11 12, SADD 11 12, IC 12
Lauren Becze - Choir 9 10, Yrbk 10 11(SI, Ed), Cheer 9, DECA 12, BC 9
Brian Bell

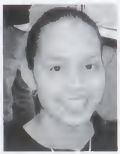





What advice would you give to underclassmen?

"Respect your upperclassmen."
~Jordan Lagestee





"Seriously, do well in school now because you'll need it later, and you'll regret it if you don't."
~Eliana Hernandez


Ryan Fentress


Dereb Kowal


Keith Botek


Nicholas Vasquez

Class of 2006









Natalie Bermudez

Trent Bierman - Base 9 10 11 12, Bskt 9 10

Adam Brandner - Ten 9 10 11 12 (MVP 12), PP 9 10 11 12 (Op Ed 10 11 12), Choir 10 11 12, Chorale Sec 12, QS 12, CC 10 11 12 (VP 10), Drama 11 12 (Thes 12), NHS 11 12, SO 9 10 11

Shauna Brock - Choir 9 10 11



Renee Cabrales - Bskt 9 10 11 12 (Capt 12), Trk 10 11 12 (Capt 11 12), Prom Ct 11, Home Queen 12, IC 11, VC 10 11 12

In Jane Kohanyi-Villaroman's physics class, senior Liz Gollner studies for a test. "Physics is one of the hardest classes in the school. Most people can't handle the pressure. Neither could I. I ended up dropping the class at semester," said Gollner.



Lyndley Clarkson

Developing her negatives in photography class, senior Bridgett Vechey waits to see if they turned out right. "I like that you can picture someone's emotions in a split second," said Vechey.



Jennifer Handley



Alex Pierson



Crystal Bechtold



Andrew Vaclavik



Brandon Smiedzinski

Cheering on their class during the Homecoming pep rally, seniors Ashley Stevens and Cassandra Johnstone stand up and cheer loudly. The event was during the last hour and a half of the day to rile up the school before the game.



Jennifer Hartley



Brandon Carpenter



Crystal Chandler
vb 9. FCCLA 10 12. choir 9 10 11 12. Drama 9 10 11 12. IC 11



Ashley Churitch
cheer 9. P-ettes 10. Choir 9 10 11 12. BC 9 10



Lauren Clark
CC 9 10 11 12(VP 12) Socc 9 10 11 12(Capt. IM. MVP 12) VC 9 10 11 12. FCCLA 11 12. IC 10 11. BC 9 10 11



Lyndley Clarkson
Band 9 10 11 12(Flist 11 12). Yrbk 9 10 11 12(Photo Ed 11 12). Sft 9 10 11. QS 11 12. Jets 11 12. NHS 12. SO 9 10 11 12



Matthew Coddington
Bskt 9 10 11 12(BMA 10)



Ashley Cogdill
Yrbk 10 11 12 (Ed 12). SC 9. SADD 9 10. Drama 9 10 11 12. Band 9. BC 9 10. NHS 10



Steven Cope



Arkadiusz Ryzak



Cassandra Johnstone
Jessica Wachowski



Christopher LaMendola

Seniors



Brad Popa

Going to her locker in between classes senior Jessica Shacklett puts her books away and gets out what she needs for her next class. "The best thing about senior year is almost being done with high school," said Shacklett.

While studying in Jim Pickett's class, seniors Lauren Marinos and Erin Ally review together to make sure they pass. Government and Economics are required classes to graduate from Griffith High School.



Jennifer Handley









Heather Crundwell
Lauren Csonka
P-ettes 11 12, Cheer 9, BC 9 11 12, YC 9 11 12
Josh Cunningham
XC 9 10 11 12 (BMA 9 MVP 11 12 Capt 12), Track 9 10 11 12 (JV BMA 9 10 11), Bowl 11 12 (VP 12), Art 11 12, YC 9 10 11 12
Emily Cutka
PP 10 11 12(ED 12), QS 11 12 Choir 9 12, DRM 12, NHS 10 11 12, CC 9 10 (Pres 10), Drama 12, SO 11 12









Joseph Dapshis
Brandon Donovsky
Anthony Dwyer
Joshua Etheridge



Alex Wilcoxson



Laura Matovina



Keith Bollek

Class of 2006

Seniors

Ryan Fentress
Lauren Figueroa
Matthew Flutka- Ft 9, Choir 9 10 11
Christopher Fuoss- Socc 9 10 11 12






Jessica Gallinatti- Bskt 9 10 11 12 (Capt 12), NHS 12, DRM 12, FCCLA 12, IC 11 12, BC 11 12, VC 9 10 11 12, Home Queen 9
Timothy Garibay- Socc 9 10 11 12 (BMA 11 12, JV MJ 9), NHS 10 11 12 (Pres 12), Art 9 10 11 12, Drama 11 12, ACES 9 10 11 12
Mallory Gatlin- Socc 9 10 11 12 (MVP, All Conf, BMA, Capt 12), CC 10 11 12, NHS 11 12 (Treas 12), Bskt 9 10, PC, Turn Ct, FCCLA 9 12, BC 9 10 11
Jacob Gee- Drama 9 11 12, Ft 9, SADD 9






Liz Gollner- Art 10 11 12 (Pres 12), Drama 10 11 12, PP 12, Band 9 10 11
Crystal Gonzalez- Cheer 9 10 11 12, BC 9 10 11 12, Turn Ct
Josh Gonzalez- Ft 9 10 11 12, VC 9 10 11 12, Trk 11 12, IC 11, Base 9
Katya Gordeeva






Sidney Govert- Turn Ct, PC, Home Ct, ACES 9 10 11 12, CC 9 10 11 12 (Sec 11 12)
Benjamin Hancock
Jennifer Handley- PP 9 10 11 12 (EE 10 11 12, ME 12), Yrbk 11 12, Drama 10 11 12, Bowl 10 11 12 (Pres 12), QS 11 12
Sam Hart







Matthew Flutka


Alicia Kielbasa


Justine Yeager

Class of 2006









Joy Helfen- ACES 9 10 11 12, Vb 9 10 11 12 (Capt 9 12, BMA, All Conf, All St 12), Bskt 9 10 (Capt 9 10, JV BMA 10), NHS 10 11 12, Supr 10 11 12, CC 10 11 12, SC 12, FCCLA 12

Eliana Hernandez- Choir 9 10 11 12, IC 11 12, FCCLA 12

Rosamaria Hernandez

Connie Herrera



Lyndley Clarkson

Concentrating in class, senior Nicholas Leep pays attention. "I like how many students and faculty at GHS are dedicated to their education, to their classes, and to their outside activities," said Leep.



Lyndley Clarkson

Focusing, senior Joy Helfen bumps the ball at practice. Helfen said, "I don't know [what I'm going to miss most about playing volleyball]. I just loved it all. I hope one day to be as good as Mr. Whittemore."



Lyndley Clarkson

Waiting in anticipation at the starting line, senior Josh Cunningham waits to take off during his cross country meet. The Griffith boys cross country team ended up having a 0-10 record for their season.



Liz Gollner



Matthew Nelleman



Carolyn Salczynski


Sam Hart


Dayna Johnson


Jacob Gee


Joseph Dapolito

While going over homework from the night before, senior Christopher Mansanarez talks to senior Lauren Clark about the answers. "Being able to talk in class about homework helps me understand it and it passes time. School is fun. I am going to miss it," said Mansanarez.


Jennifer Handley

Class discussion helps with a lot of the work students get, senior Christina Lozano says. "I enjoy talking with the class about what's going on now-a-days. I also like talking about lessons a lot because it helps me understand more," Lozano said.

Waking up early in the morning, getting ready and then learning for seven hours takes a lot out of students. "I hate waking up early for school. I am glad this is my last year of having to get up so early," senior Darrin Robbins said.


Jennifer Handley



Kyle Hitt

Joshua Hoogeveen

Brian James

Kara Johnson- Con Band 9,10,11,12 FCCLA 12









Cassandra Johnstone- SC 9,10,11,12. Drama 9,10,11,12 (thespian) FCCLA 10,11,12 (12 historian) CC 9,10,11 SADD 9,10 PP 12 (copyeditor)

Gwen Jones

Javon Joplin

Alicia Kielbasa- Bskt 9,10,11,12 (9,10,11Best mental attitude, 12 Capt), Socc 9,10,11 (10 most improved), DRM 12









Darek Kowal- Wr 10,11,Drama 10,11,12 , FAT (Capt 10,11)

Nicole Kubacki- Sft 9,10,11,12, Vb 9,10,11,12, Bskt 9,10,11, Sb 10, CC 11, Dive 12, SADD 9

Tracy Kunkemoeller- Con Choir 9,10,11, Bskt 9,11

Alan Kus- Base 9,10,11,12, Ten 11,12, NHS 10,11,12, CC (11 VP), DRM 12, Con Choir 9,10,11,12 Chorale), Aces 9,10,11,12 Supr 11(social studies) 12 (social studies science)









Seniors



Nicole Kubacki



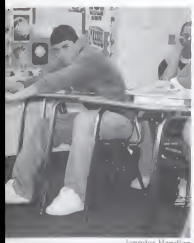
Derek Kowal



Crystal Bechtold



Alex Wilcoxson



Jennifer Handley

1) Erin Ally

2) Kaleb Matthews

3) Alex Wilcoxson

4) Joy Helfen

5) Craig Otto

And the answer is...

(Match the seniors to their favorite movie)

a) White Men Can't Jump

b) Ong Bak

c) Roman Holiday

d) Jurassic Park

e) Dazed and Confused

Answers: 1) e 2) a 3) c 4) d 5) b









Zorica Kvrgic-Bskt 9,Swim 10,12, XC 12 (best mental attitude), DECA 12 (VP) NHS 10,11,12, SCC,Trk 12, KC 12

Michael Laffoon

Jordan Lagestee

Colby Lamb









Christopher LaMendola

Nicholas Leep- Con Band 9,10,11,12, NHS 10,11,12, SO 9,10,11,12, Drama 10,11,12

Thomas Lenker- Ft 9,10,11,12, Base 9,10, Track 11,12

Adam Longoria









Christina Lozano- Pettes 10,11(sec),12 (pres), BC 10,11,12(pres), CC 10,11,12, Turn Ct 10

Jarrod Maccak- Ft 9,10,11,12 Base 9,10,11,12

Paul Majors

Christopher Mansanarez- Ft 9,10,11,12, Trk 12, Home Ct.

Class of 2006

Seniors

Lauren Marinos- Cheer 11 12 (Cpt. 11 12, BMA 12), BC 11 12, PC 11, Home Ct. 12, Choir 9 10 11 12



Lisa Markut



Lauren Massa



Kristen Mathews- Track 9 10 11 12 (Cpt. 11, Co-MVP 11), Bskt 9 10 11 12, XC 10 11 12 (Cpt. 12, MVP 12, BMA 11, MI 10) NHS 10 11 12 (Sec. 12)



Laura Matovina - CC 10 11 12 (Pres. 12), SC 10 11 12 (Tres. 10, Sec. 11) Choir 9 10 11 12 (Hist. 12), DRM 12, Drama 9 10 11 12 (Thes 11 12, SD 12) QS 11 12, PP 10 11 12 (News ED. 10 11 12), Sft 9 11, NHS 10 11 12, IC 9 10 11 12



Andrew Mazur



Alex McCampbell



Ashley McDonald-Sft. 9 10 11 12, Yrbk 11 12, DECA 12



Andrew McMullin-Band 9 10 11 12(DM 11 12), Drama 9 10 11 12 (Thes. 9-12),XC 11 12(MI11,BMA12,Capt 12),CC 9 10 11 12(Pres.11),SC 9 10 11 12(VP 11,Pres. 12),FCCLA 10 11 12(Pres 12,D1 Pres. 12),Choir 11 12



Justin Murphy



Andrew Nashboff-Ft 10 11 12,Track 12,VC 10 11 12



Matthew Nelleman-Ft. 9 10 11 12(Capt 12,All Conf 12,2nd tm conf 11,2nd tm area 12),Base 9 10 11 12 (HM 11),Bskt 9,PC 11,Turn Ct 10



Amie Palmer- Choir 9 10 11 12 Yrbk 10 11 12 (Academics Ed 12) Drama 9 12, QS 12



Joshua Pepoff

Alex Pierson- Ft. 9 10, Ca 11 12, Bowl 10



Brandon Pollard- PP 10 11, Ft 9 10 11 12 Turn Ct. 10, PC 11, Home Ct. 12, Track 9 10 11







Craig Otto, Ashley McDonald



Nicole Kubacki, Kara Johnson



Bridgett Vechery



Lauren Massa

Class of 2006






Jimmy Qualls
Kyle Raduski
Grant Raybourne
Darrin Robbins






Andre Rodgers- Choir 10 11 12 (Pres 12), Band 9 10 11 12 (VP 12), CC 10 11 12 (Hist 12), SC 9 10 12, SADD 9 10 12 (Mascot 12) Dive 10 11 12

Drew Rogowski- IH 10, 11 12, Fr 9 10 11 12, Base 9 10 11, Turn Ct. 10 (Prince 10) PC 11, Home Ct. 12 (King 12)

Claudia Rybacki

Arkadiusz Ryzak - Choir 9 10 11 12, Art 10 11 12, IC 9 10 11, Trk 9 10 11, Swim 9 10, DRM 12, CC 11 12, A.S. Choir 9 10 11 12, Ten 10 11, XC 9






Caralyn Salczynski- VB 9 10 11 12 (BMA 9, MI 10, Capt. 12, Academic All Conf 12, Leadership 12), CC 9 10 11 12 (Tres 10-12), FCCLA 12 (Hist. 12), D.A.R.E 12, YC 10 11 12

D.J. Salmon-
Aces 9 10 11 12, Art 11 12
Ashley Schaller
Jaimie Scholte



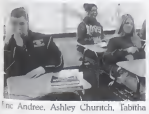
Jennifer Handley

"I was acting like I was doing my work, but actually drawing pictures," said senior Matthew Nellemen. Nellemen likes to draw pictures in his free time during some of his classes in school.

Sitting at the round tables in the hall, seniors Brandon Pollard, Christina Lozano, and Trent Bierman waste time. "I was preparing to tell a story while acting like I'm listening to what the others say," said Pollard.



Brad Popa



nc Andree, Ashley Churnich, Tabitha Minton



Jenny Welch, Justine Yeager, Cassandra Johnstone, Sarah Williams



Andrew Nashkott



Zachary Stevens



Adam Vania



Jacob Gee



Eric Andre, Matthew Gonzalez



Christina Lozano, Trent Bierman

Up and at 'em

Ashley Schaller

6:15	Wake up
6:30	Take shower
6:50	Dry and straighten hair
7:10	Brush teeth and makeup
7:30	Get dressed
7:45	Leave for school

Matthew Perez

7:10	Wake up
7:11	Brush teeth
715	Chill and listen to music
7:20	Get dressed
7:30	Listen to more music
7:45	Leave for school



Cody Scott

Jessica Shacklett - Band 9 10 11 12, FCCLA 10 11 12

Brandon Smiedzinski Bowl 11 12

Laura Solivais Yrbk 10 11 12 (managing editor 12), Ten 9 10 11 12, PP 10 12, QS 12, FCCLA 10 11 12, SC 9 10 11, Exp 12, SADD 9 10, BC 9 10 11, Choir 9









Jeanette Soy

Nicole Spejewski

Steven Staples

Cristi Steffek - FCCLA 11 12, Choir 9 10









Ashley Stevens

Zachary Stevens - Ft 11 12, Trk 12, Cheer 10 (lifter)

Jerry Stubbs

Caitlin Terpstra Bskt 9 10 11 12, Socc 9 10 11 12 (Tri-Captain 12, MVP 12, All Conference Academic 12), NHS 10 11 12 (VP 12), CC 10 11, PC 11 (Prom Queen), Home Court 12, VC 9 10 11 12







Seniors



Lauren Clark, Christopher Mansanarez



Nick Leep



Joy Helfen, Caralyn Salczynski



Alex Wilcoxson









Kendra Terzarial
John Therault
Krystal Ulm
Andrew Vaclavik - Swim 10 11, Band 9 10 11 12









Adam Vania
Bridgett Vechey - Socc 9 10, Drama 11 12, Trk 10, PP 10
Brandon Veronesi Ft 11 12 (2nd TAC 11 1st TAS 12 2nd TAA 12 1st TAC 12), Bskt 10, Trck 10 11 12 (Regional Qualifier 11)
Dennis Vessell









Jessica Wachowski
Troyce Wachtstetter
Jenny Welch - FCCLA 10 11 12, Choir 9, Art 12, Drama 12
Michael White - Ft 11 12, Base 9 10 11, Bskt 9 10 11 12, PP 10 11 12, VC 10 11 12, QS 12









Alex Wilcoxson - Bskt 9 11 12, NHS 10 11 12, (Historian 12), Supr 10 11 12, JETS 11 12
Anna Williams - Bskt 11 12 (MI), Trk 10 11 12 (MI)
Rachel Wright
Justine Yeager-Band 9 10 11 12, Tenn 9 10 11 12, SC 9 10 11 (Treas 11), SADD 9 10, Drama 9 11 12, Exp 12

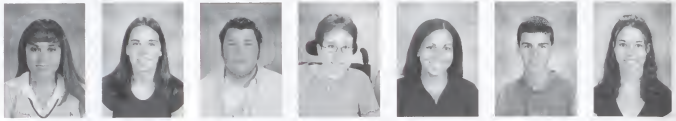
Class of 2006

Juniors

Frank Alvarez
Matthew Alvarez
Sabri Amara
Mindy Anderson
Brandon Archer
Matthew Azpeitia
Matthew Baccino



Stephanie Baiz-Rivera
Ashley Baker
Ryan Bandura
Terry Barbara
Olivia Barlow
Bradley Begeske
Ryan Berry



James Bobowski
Jessica Bogner
Ashley Boyer
Jeanette Bridegroom
Ryan Bridges
Sara Brock
Brandon Brown



Stefanie Brown
Jarrett Brownd
Trisha Brumley
Jordan Bruno
Nathan Bryan
James Buehler
Steven Byrns





Brad Popa

Hanging out in the library, junior Elise Garcia sits with junior Lisa Worley working on an English project. "We were looking up information for our research papers for Mrs. Vaclavik's English class," said Garcia.

Sitting In Kristina Collard's English class, junior, Brian Clark, talks to his classmates. "We were doing homework and they were helping me out," said Clark. Collard is one of Clark's favorite teachers.





Ashley O Connor



Kevin Meece



Rebecca Curnow



Zoran Kvrgic

Class of 2007









Melony Cabrales
Billy Cahill
Samantha Caldwell
Danny Calhoun
Brian Clark
Casey Colby
Alicia Collins









Ashlee Crundwell
Rebecca Curnow
Bonnie Curtis
Karolina Damski
Frank Davis
Matt DeJesus
Stephen DeRolf









Amber Detmar
Kelli Dewees
Nicholas Doell
Jeremy Drach
Anthony Drechny
Carl Elmer
Brittany Erickson









Zachary Ficht
Danielle Fogarty
Zachary Forsythe
William Frets
Caleb Fruin
Maegan Funk
Elise Garcia



Bradley Clarkson

Embarrassing Stories



"Me and Sam [Kulig] were coming back to my house, and I ran up the stairs and fell. Sam just stood there and laughed at me."

~Kasia Damski



"In my aide class, I got hit in the head by a freshman girl in dodgeball."

~Brandon Archer



"On Turnabout night I was going downstairs and I tripped and fell down the stairs. All the parents and everyone saw me, and Lauren Pollard wouldn't stop laughing!"

~Melony Cabrales



James Bobowski



Alana Massa



Ashley Perry



Stefanie Brown



Brad Popa

"Hoyle is a great first year teacher," said Jacob Gazarkiewicz. "The random funny stuff people say in class makes it fun. Like in this picture, the class said I had sweaty arm pits so I decided to check it out for myself."



In the library, Trisha Brumley researches information for her paper on autism for Sheila Vaclavik's English class. "The thing that makes English fun are my friends because without them it would be boring."

Adam Gasper
Steven Geary
Benjamin Geffert
Jessica Gerlich
Stephanie Gilman
Krista Glidewell
Alexis Gonzalez



Joseph Greichunos
Gail Grigson
Matthew Gurrola
Miles Hall
Dustin Hammond
Elizabeth Hancock
Sean Hansen



Stephanie Hansen
Sam Hart
Jennifer Henney
Annie Hernandez
Abbie Hicks
Chris Higginbotham
Samantha Higgins



Elizabeth Stanford

Steven Stokos, Jourdan Thomas(9)

Olivia Wagman

Casey St. Clair

Juniors



Brad Popa

WHAT WOULD YOU RATHER BE A DWARF OR A GIANT?

54% would rather be dwarfs
46% would rather be giants

98 juniors polled



Evan Hixon
Bryant Hobbs
William Hobbs
Kathryn Horn
Katie Horn
Shaun Horton
Derrick Huzzie



Melissa James
Elyse Janke
Kolie Johnson
Jeri Jones
Holly Jusko
Andrew Karpati
Brian Kayden



Jasmine Kellum
Jason Kettwig
Christina Kireta
Katie Kleidon
Kristen Knoerzer
Curt Konopasek
David Konopasek



Samantha Kulig
Matt Kuna
Zoran Kvrgic
Jeremy Labadie
Nathan Lehmann
Beau Leimbach
Peter Lewis

Class of 2007

Juniors


Rebecca Curnow


Stacy Sanchez, Jessica Phillips

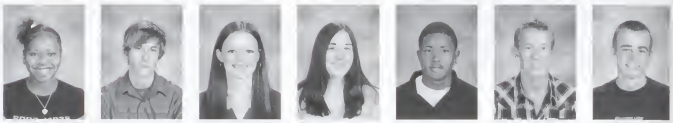

Brandon Archer


Amy Miles

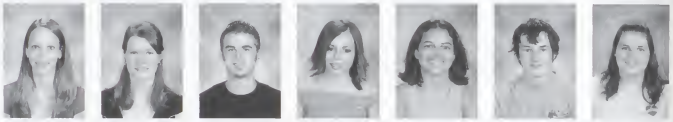
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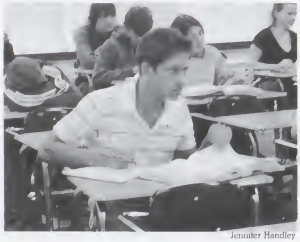


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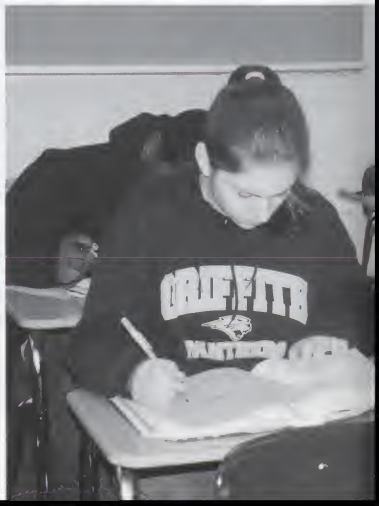
Amy Miles
Jacqueline Miskiewicz
Eric Miskuf
Tabitha Mitkus
Caitlin Moisant
Andrew Monko
Erin Moore




Jennifer Handley

Flipping a page in his book, junior Brad Wilson works on finishing an assignment during Mark Swanson's U.S. History class. Coming from Whiting, Wilson is a first-time Griffith student.

Working on an assignment in Luann Pramuk's U.S. History class, junior Suzanne Pawloski reads through her book. "The best thing about being a junior is looking forward to senior year. It was fun to come to Griffith," said Pawloski.



Class of 2007



Erin Moore, Katie Horn



Caitlin Moisant



Chris Dunagan



Aaron Salczynski, Matt Kuna



Sara Moore
Leah Morton
Nicholas Mullens
Andrea Naaman
Ashley Nagy
Corey Nash
Stephanie Nokes



Vanissa O'Brien
Ashley O'Connor
Shawn O'Keefe
Karrie Obranovich
Molly Orzechowicz
Robert Osorio
Kyle Palinca



Chris Parker
Valerie Parnell
Vishal Patel
Ashley Perry
Jessica Phillips
Christopher Pilipow
Samantha Ploskonka



Jennifer Handley

Kneeling beside the pool and feeling the water, junior Amy Sloan counts laps for a teammate during a 500 freestyle race at a Griffith swim meet. "I like swimming because I've done it since I was little," Sloan said.



Lyndley Clarkson

During Luann Pramuk's U.S. History class, Jacqueline Misbiewicz reads through her history book to find the answers to her worksheet. A full year of U.S. History is required to be taken by juniors at Griffith.



Jennifer Handley

Kristina Plucinski
Bradley Popa
Miranda Pryor
Jelena Pupac
Amanda Rakowski
Jaqualynn Ranck
Brittany Rawdon









Nicole Reha
Kelly Redden
Jeffrey Reitz
John Reyna
Eric Ritter
Robert Robinson
David Romesburg









Aaron Salczynski
Stacy Sanchez
Theresa Sanchez
Melony Schmidt
Caitlin Scott
John Scurtu
Nicholas Sellers









Are you excited about senior year?

Yes 70% Sort of 14%

NO 16%

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43 Juniors Polled



Jennifer Handley

"I'm excited about senior year because I want to graduate," said junior Samantha Plosbonka. Her highlights of this year included traveling, going to the career center for cosmetology and getting a job offer on work tour.

"I'm not really looking forward to senior year because I'm having a lot of fun in high school," said junior Peter Lewis. His favorite part of his junior year are the teachers because they make learning fun.



Jennifer Handley



Anthony Drechny



Geneva Coleman



Brittany Watts



Jason Taylor

Juniors









Samantha Shuster
Jessica Simpson
Kierra Sims
Steven Siokos
Amy Sloan
Michael Smith
Christopher Sophiea









Vincent Soy
Nicole Spejewski
Casey St Clair
Christa Staes
Stacina Stagner
Elizabeth Stanford
Kelly Staszak



Jennifer Handley

Trying to win it all for her class, junior Amber Detmar runs around the chairs in an effort to sit in one. "Junior year was fun, but I'm excited about senior year because it means that we only have one year left," said Detmar.

"Hanging out with my friends was the best part of this school year, said junior Vincent Soy, work is no fun, but it's a job, not a career. "He is excited for senior year because it is his last year here at Griffith.



Jennifer Handley



Christopher Martin



Carl Elsner



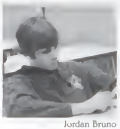
Tynara Word



Brian Clark

Class of 2007

Juniors


Jordan Bruno


Ashley Perry


Leah Morton



Benjamin Geffert

Juan Suarez
Felicia Sutton
Megan Swanson
Alyssa Szo
Jason Taylor
Amanda Tharp
Jamie Theil



Kimberly Therault
Kelsey Troxel
Megan Turner
Zachary Udchitz
Amanda Uram
Daniel Vanek
Nathan Vaughan



Megan Verbeke
Ben Victory
Olivia Wagman
Lori Warrishaugh
Brittany Watts
Michael Wegner
Alexander Werkowski



Amanda White
Terrell Whiteside
Aaron Wilbert
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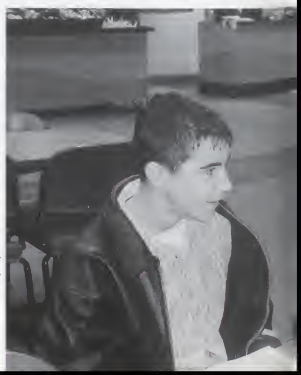
Sprinting as fast as she can, junior Alana Massa contributes her speed to this year's cross-country team. "I joined cross-country because Kristen [Mathews] made me. [It was fun because] the people made it fun," said Massa.



Lyndley Clarkson

Among all the books in the library, junior Trisha Brumley yawns of exhaustion as she continues working on a research project. Brumley took independant research for one of her classes this year.


Bradley Popa



Class of 2007


Tiffany Lidster


Lisa Worley, Molly Orzechowicz


Matthew Alvarez


Casey St Clair









Danielle Wilson
Daniel Woloszyn
Lisa Worley
Andrew Wright
James Writt
Joseph Zajac
Brittany Zajicek




Anthony Zarndt
Randall Zellers


Lyndley Clarkson

"The best part of soccer was beating Munster 3-1," said junior Zoran Kvrgic. With a record of 5-4-8, Kvrgic attempts to kick the ball away from his opponent and score a goal for this year's boy's soccer team.

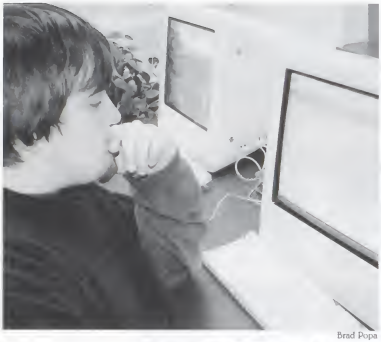

Lyndley Clarkson

Hanging out with friends, juniors Billy Cahill and James Bobowski relax at a restaurant. "[The best part of junior year] was definately when the [Chicago] White Soxs won the World Series!" Bobowski said.


Lyndley Clarkson

Struggling to catch her breath, junior Stefanie Brown wobbles away from just competing in a race. This was Brown's first year of participating with the cross-country team. Their record was 0-11 this year.

As sophomore Jefferey Walczak looks up research on the library computers for Karen Jensen's world history class, he patiently waits for the information to load. Many classes use the library computers for extra projects.



Brad Popa

During one of Kay Orzechowicz's sophomore English classes, sophomore Jacqueline Krygowski works on her vocabulary quiz of the week. "It's pretty boring being a sophomore," said Krygowski.



Brad Popa



Jordan Adams
Kayla Aguilera
Raquelle Aguilera
Steven Aguilera
Andrew Aken
Erika Aldape
Hussam Alzeer



Chloe Anderko
Andrew Anderson
Corey Anderson
Jerry Anderson
Mark Arndt
Melissa Arnold
Douglas Ashenbaugh



Jamar Averyhart
Erik Azzarello
Cassie Bailey
Trey Bailey
Stephen Bakko
Steven Barnard
Laura Beaupain





Brittany Jursic



Patrick Kolisz



Kay Orzechowicz



Allison Hansen

Sophomores



Brad Popa

Stenciling during her jewelry class, sophomore Sarah Kintz finishes up her project. "I like stenciling a lot," said Kintz. Nancy Ashton has five jewelry classes this year. Students can take jewelry during any year of high school.

With anticipation, sophomore Jake Terpstra waits for his jewelry project to finish cooking in the toaster oven. "I made a cool bookmark in that class," said Terpstra. Jewelry classes also make rings, necklaces, and key chains.



Brad Popa









Jeffery Beese
Taylor Blue
Jenevieve Bock-Goode
Patrick Bogacz
Takara Boyd
Brittany Bridges
Adrian Burnham









Najee Campbell-Bonner
Matthew Cavazos
Auvon Chandler
Marcus Chavez
Emily Cioroianu
Andrew Clark
Breanne Clark









Kelley Cloghessy
Leondre Cobb
Sarah Cole
Allison Colgrove
Anthony Concialdi
Rachel Convery
Timothy Cooper



Tytiaira Word



Jimi Nunez



Amber Reed



Travis Stevens

Class of 2008

Sophomores


Kyle Najar


Allison Colgrove


Michael Lopez, Amanda Purvis


Katie Kaiser, Adriana Mitre

Ashley Covington
Sarah Craven
Amanda Crook
Rex Cullen
Kyle Dapshis
Randy Degani
Daniel Domsic



Patrick Dorin
Joseph Dye
Jacob Edwards
Samantha Eisensee
Brittany Evanich
Melissa Falkner
Jonathan Ferguson



Nicholas Ficht
Scott Finchum
John Finck
Amy Fitzgerald
Jacob Fitzsimons
Christopher Fleming
Devin Fogarty




Lyndsey Clarkson

Rehearsing for the play, sophomore Amy Fitzgerald, puts the finishing touches on the dance moves. "I like being in plays because the atmosphere is always fun and it's a great learning experience," said Fitzgerald.



While taking Kay Orzechowicz's English 10 test, sophomore David Alexander, concentrates on getting a good grade. Some of the books the class read were Julius Caesar, To Kill a Mockingbird, and Of Mice and Men.


Brad Boja

Class of 2008


Daniel Rukes


Lauren Pollard


Joshua Long


Daniel Domse









Joshua Francis
Jamie Freeman
Trent Fulfgraf
Kathryn Galambos
Jeremy Gates
Joel Gerber
Kaitlyn Gibbs


Lyndley Clarkson

After being fouled, sophomore Jeff Reyna shoots a freethrow basket. This was his first year on the Griffith varsity basketball team which was coached by first time varsity coach, Justin Fronek.

During a Griffith swim meet, sophomore Ellen Hurdish, finishes her homework between events. "Swimming is a good way to stay in shape and the girls' team is like a big family because you're always with them," said Hurdish.


Lyndley Clarkson


Lyndley Clarkson

"The masks were fun to make because we got to be in groups with our friends," said sophomore Sheila Szo. The masks were made in Lorraine Hageman's French two class to celebrate the French holiday Mardi Gras.

Billy Glass
Chad Gonzales
Briana Greenwell
Allison Hanchar
Ashley Hart
Alexis Hartman
Justin Hauser



Devin Heller
Anthony Helton
Corey Henson
Billy Hilbrich
Britney Hill
Derek Hitt
Andrew Hixon



Ellen Hurdish
Mahmoud Issa
Kimberly Jamison
Kyle Johnson
David Jones
Jenna Jones
Justin Jones



Swimming with all his might, sophomore Andrew Aben puts all of his energy and effort into his race. The Griffith boys' swim team finished their season with a successful record this year.

After reading the novel To Kill a Mockingbird in her english class, sophomore Brittany Tinnin makes herself a plate of food to celebrate. Tinnin said, "The best part about having the feast was to be able to stop doing work and eat."





Lyndsey Clarkson



Michael Zajac



David Kujawa



Dwight Poole



Danny Maglish

Sophomores









Brittany Jursic
Katie Kaiser
Lauren Kelley
Angela Kepchar
Andrew Kime
Sarah Kintz
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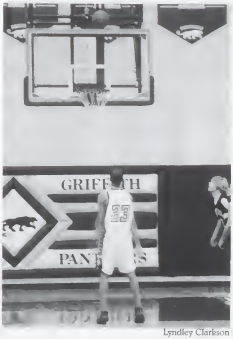




Jacqueline Krygowski
Michael Kubacki
David Kujawa
Danial Kulinski
Kenneth Kurpela
Caitlyn Lackey
Kelly LaMendola



Jennifer Handley



Lyndley Clarkson

During his home basketball game, sophomore David Alexander calmly releases his freethrow and hopes to gain a point for his team. Alexander earned a spot on the boys' varsity team this year.

Would you rather be a dwarf or a giant?



"A giant, so I could crush everything in my way."
-Randy Degani, 10

"A dwarf because I think being a giant would be awkward because you'd have to look down at everyone."
-Jordynn Tibbs, 10





Erika Aldape



Melissa Arnold



Jacob Fitzsimons



Melissa Falkner

Class of 2008

Sophomores


David Mills


Olivia Martinez


Brittany Tilmin


Melissa Fullmer

Tony Latronica
Jamal Lauderdale
Jennifer Lawrence
Christy Leal
Tracy Leon
Lindsay Lewis
Kyung Lim



Jonathan Little
Joshua Long
Michael Lopez
Justin Louie
Zachary Macak
Jeremy Maddox
Danny Maglish



John Magrath
Samantha Mansanarez
Keri Markut
Lori Marsh
Olivia Martinez
William Maywald
Jessica Mendoza



"Being a sophomore is okay but I would rather be an upperclassman. I can't wait," said sophomore Caitlyn Lackey as she puts her Algebra books away and prepares for the next class on her schedule.


Reminder Handley

When they finished *To Kill a Mocking Bird*, Rachel Miller's, English, sophomore classes had a food party.They ate southern food because the book took place in the south. "It was fun and the food was good," said sophomore Sarah Cole.



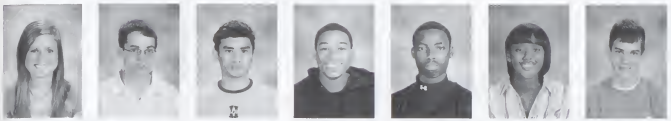
Class of 2008


Christopher Fleming


Anthony Moore


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Kayla Aguilera



Brooke Miller
David Mills
Andres Minton
D'Andre Moody
Anthony Moore
DeMonica Murdock
Kyle Najar



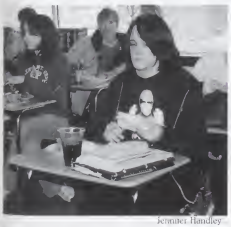
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Matthew Post
Victor Prieto
Amanda Purvis
Elizabeth Ramsey



Jeremy Ratajczyk
Amber Reed
Jeffrey Reyna
Brittany Rias
Caitlyn Robbins
Antoinette Rodgers
Kimberly Rogers


Jennifer Handley

"I really enjoyed the food we got in [Rachel] Miller's. I was glad we read the book. It taught me a lot,"said sophomore William Maywald. Eating southern food taught the students how and what people eat in the south.

"To Kill a Mocking *Bird* taught me to treat people equally.I usually don't like reading but this book wasn't bad," said sophomore Kathryn Galambos. Having the Southern food party was a extra spark for a great book.


Jennifer Handley

"I like when we get to do different things. It teaches you in other ways. Having to listen to teachers talk everyday isn't fun," said sophomore Douglas Osborn. Osborn is enjoying the southern food provided for a lesson.


Jennifer Handley

"I was swimming backstroke in a meet that we had. I wasn't that nervous because I've been swimming for a long time now. I love swimming. It's my second year in high school," sophomore Andrew Aben said.

"We were taking the hardest vocabulary test that I have ever took in my life. I was also trying so hard to focus and give it my 110% effort getting all the answers correct and getting the A+ that I studied for," sophomore Zach Macak said.



Brad Popa



Ashley Roll
Rachel Romesburg
Samantha Royal
Cathy Rudzinski
Daniel Rukes
Corey Rutkowski
Elizabeth Ryzak



Zeljko Saban
Andrew Salgado
Kaitlyn Scheffel
Timothy Schell
Brett Schoon
Timothy Sconza
Nicole Sharpe



Jeffrey Simon
Joshua Sims
Lorris Smith
Julia Soto
Alison Stage
James Sternberg
Travis Stevens





Jerry Anderson



David Jones



Melissa Fallaner



Sara Greer and Dustin Hammond

Sophomores

"I was trying to avoid getting my picture taken because I hate to take pictures, at the same time I'm trying to do my test that I studied and worked so hard for to get a good grade on it." DeMonica Murdock said.



Brad Popa

What's the best thing about not being a freshmen?



"You get more respect for the things you do. Sophomore teachers are better. Also when you're not a freshman you get to do more things."
~Olivia Martinez

"It's better to be a sophomore because you get more respect. Freshmen look up to you, and your more mature. Also you get more girls."
~Desmond Neylon





"You know what to expect when you come to school. Nothing's new to you except the teachers. Also you get to take APC and not gym."
~Adrian Burnham









Sheila Szo
Jessica Teasdale
Stephen Teibel
Jake Terpstra
Jordynn Tibbs
Brittany Tinnin
Courtney Todd









Courtney Tomaszewski
John Tonkovich
Sylver Toussaint
Kimberly Tuzar
Daniel Valois
Daniel Velez
Tara Villa









Kirk Villasenor
Tanya Vogel
Jefferey Walczak
Jamie Walenkiewicz
Tyler Walk
Caleb Westfall
D'Andre Wilson







Lauren Winiecki
Andrew Wiszowaty
Tytiaira Word
Michael Zajac
Jose Zavala



Kathryn Galambos and Sarah Cole



Jenna Jones



Tyler Walk



Corey Anderson

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Freshmen


Michael Zurawski


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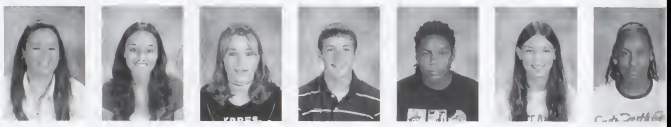
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Chris Bartley
Tod Basham
Brittany Bechtold
Michael Beck



Kelsie Belcher
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Kellie Blaski
Mark Blount
Charisse Bogan
Shelby Boilek
Jasmine Booker



Daniel Borders
Alexis Bozinovich
Lindsay Brandner
Corey Breclaw
Gregory Brock
Kellie Bubala
Tyrese Buchanan




Brad Popa

"It's fun eating with my friends," said freshman Kelsey Berry as she sat at lunch with her fellow classmates. freshmen Shelby Boilek and Andrea Mullens. "It's our free time away from classes," said Belcher.



On his way to finishing a project in Jewlery class, freshman Brad Hardin concentrates hard. "My favorite project was making a Texas Longhorn necklace because I like Longhorns," said Hardin.

Class of 2009



Mark Butkus



Abby Metsch and Morgan Momcilovich



Michelle Plucinski



Katie Lesniewski and Erica Kudyba



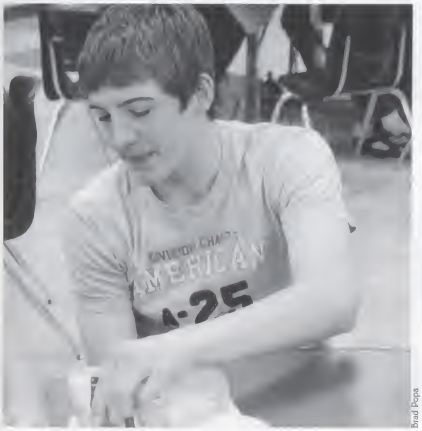
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Jamie Chancellor
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Kenneth Companik
Destiny Cox
Amanda Craven
Heather Crews



Michael Cummins
Charles Curran
Bailey Curtis
Ashley Davis
Amanda Del Valle
Jacqueline Delgado
William Dennison



Brad Pepa

Wrestling at 152 lbs., freshman Austin Guzior stretches his legs for the meet at Calumet. "Practices are hard," said Guzior, but that doesn't stop him from staying dedicated week after week.



Lyndley Clarkson

Devouring his lunch, freshman Mark Blount sits and talks with his friends in the cafeteria. "My favorite thing to eat is Spicy Chicken with cheese because it's the best," said Blount. He enjoys pizza as well.

Keela Detmar
Ryan Dixon
Taylar Dobbs
Meagan Domanski
Rosetta Dorin
Alexa Dragoin
Carly Dunn



Zackary Duvnjak
Brittany Edwards
Keith Ellison
Kaitlyn Euber
Brianne Finney
Shaun Fisher
Jessica Flutka



Carly Francis
Jeremiah Frankley
Gus Franklin
Zuri Fruin
Ryan Gulliher
Justin Gasper
Danielle Gazarkiwicz



Ashley George
Michael Gibbs
Joshua Gibson
Gina Gilge
Steven Gilman
Nicholas Gonzalez
Vanessa Gonzalez



What do you like best about high school?



"I like all of the variety of classes you can take and the sports are better."
Lindsay Brandner, 9



"I like that you can choose the classes you want to take so if there is a lame class you don't have to take it."
Zack Butkus, 9



"Going to all of the sporting events, and being able to choose the classes. The teachers are more laid back."
Jessica Henderson, 9





Brandon Clark



Danielle Ivy and Michael Gibbs



Kellie Blasko



Jordan Beale

Freshmen









Kyle Gordon
Kristen Graan
Mary Granter
Garrett Graves
Michael Guistolisi
Tyler Gustamente
Austin Guzior









Chastity Gwizdak
Brad Hardin
Andre Haynes
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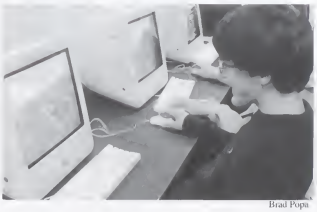




Chris Holycross
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Mayada Issa
Danielle Ivy
Trevor Janke
Aimee Johnson
D'Mon Johnson



Brad Popa



Brad Popa

"Me and Sammi [Holmes] were having a Spanish conversation as if we were supposed to be on the phone. It was hilarious!" laughed freshman Morgan Momcilovich. Momcilovich said Bonnan's Spanish 1 class is her favorite.



Brad Popa

Playing on the computer in Michelle Connor's Computer Application's class, freshman Chris Bartley says, "Computer Aps. is easy and fun. I like it a lot. It's interesting to learn more about the computer, but it can get boring sometimes."

Talking in the hallway with junior Krista Glidewell, Justin Kelly is being interviewed. "I get asked to be interviewed a lot. It's probably because I'm so swoll. Just bidding, but no, I am pretty swoll though," said Kelly.



Steven Spitaro



Lauren Matthews



Destiny Cox and Brian Story



Elizabeth Vargas

Class of 2009

Freshmen



Susan Wolff, Ashley McCormack



Freshman Class

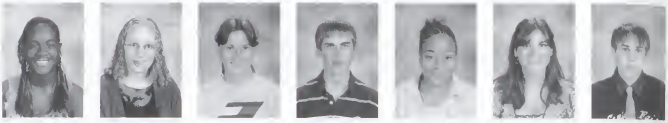


Caroline Herrera

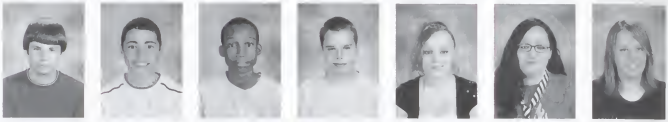


Caroline Herrera, Brittany Bechtold, Natasha Subotic

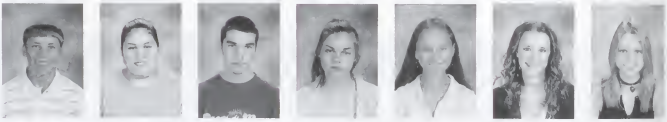
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Kevin Konopasek
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Katherine Kuna
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Jennifer Handley

Talking with the rest of the freshmen cheerleading team, freshman Katie Miller said she enjoyed being on the team because it was a fun experience. "Cheerleading is more than people dancing in short skirts; it's a sport."

WHERE DO YOU WANT YOUR FAST FOOD FROM?

McDonald's	24%
Wendy's	19%
White Castle	15%
Burger King	14%
Taco Bell	14%
Subway	14%

72 freshmen polled

Class of 2009



Lauren Calliott, Jessica Flutka



Steven Guman



Morgan Momcilovich



Chloe Thompson, Danielle Aquilera



Joseph Lara
Evan Laviolette
Joshua Leep
Gabrielle Leimbach
Ashley Lenker
Katie Lesniewski
Kyle Lidster



Joey Linvill
Travis Litke
Alex Little
Samuel Llinas
Bryan Lopez
Shawn Love
Caitlin Lozano



Kyle Mackenthun
Tim Malewicki
Sean Malone
Lauren Mathews
Lawrence Matovina
Mike Matusz
Joey Mazur



Alison McCampbell
Ashley McCormack
Katie McDaniel
Talia McKinstry
Clifton McKnight
Tanisha McKnight
Jeffrey Melton



Brad Pegza

After the teacher is done with the lesson, freshman Stephanie Nowak likes to talk to her friends. "The best thing about being a freshman is that you learn everything for the first time. It was fun, but I can't wait to be a sophomore."

"English would have to be my favorite class because it's fun," says freshman Olivia Anguiano. "We have a good time. Ms. (Rachel) Miller makes it a fun experience and not all teachers can do that."



Brad Pegza

Abby Metsch
Mark Miecznikowski
Katie Miller
Lauren Million
Keith Mitchell
Michelle Mojica
Morgan Momcilovich









Michael Moses
Robert Muffett
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Christina Murphy
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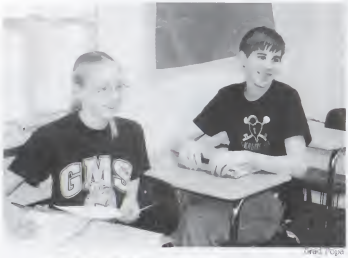






"I was talking to Miss Bonnan and junior Jacqueline Klabisha, about the schools lunch that day. I was trying to avoid the camera, but it found me and got my picture taken," said freshman Kirsten Rex.

"I was trying to find a vocab sheet to study off of. I really like Spanish because it is interesting to not only learn other peoples language and to also learn about other peoples cultures," said freshman Melissa Pilipow.



Brad Poja



Brad Poja




Robin Sophinos


Amanda Craven and Bailey Curtis


Richie Popovich


Lindsay Brandner

Freshmen









Matthew Petersen
Heidi Pierson
Frances Pietrucha
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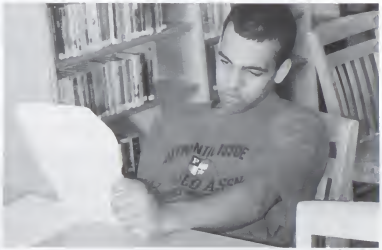


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Anthony Salinas
Amanda Schleitwiler
Ashley Scott
Priscilla Sepulveda
Melissa Sipos



Brad Popa

"For lunch I get snacks most of the time. Unless they have pizza that day. Pizza is my favorite food from school. Most of the time the cafeteria doesn't usually have a lot of food that is edible," said freshman Emma Riley.



Brad Popa

"I was in Resource class in the library. We had to do worksheets to keep us quiet. I normally don't read because I don't like it. It takes too much of my time," said Michel Barlow



Tod Basham and Zachary Puvnjak



Steven Gillmen and Jordan Reader



Kellie Bubala



Carly Dunn, Elizabeth Thrall, and Cory Jung

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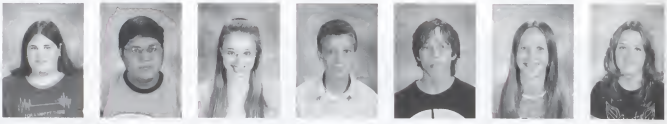

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Stacy Staszak
Caitlin Stevens



Amanda Stinnett
Brian Story
Brenton Strauch
Brooke Studniarz
Justine Sturgill
Natasha Subotic
Ariel Sutton




Lyndley Clarkson

Having fun with some of his other cross country team members, freshman Tim Malewicki eats after the sectional race. "Freshmen year was cool and I am really going to miss senior Jace McMullin, he is the man," said Male-


Lyndley Clarkson

Tired during a soccer game, freshman Carly Dunn tries to catch her breath. "I had a lot of fun playing soccer my freshman year," said Dunn. Students who play soccer start practices during the summer.

On the field, freshman Jeffrey Melton goes for the soccer ball. "I really enjoyed playing on the varsity team my freshman year. The team was really cool and I had a lot of fun," said Melton.

Class of 2009


Lorie Williams


Joshua Leep


Lawrence Matomna


Joey Mazur



Jourdan Thomas
Shelisa Thomas
Chloe Thompson
Elizabeth Thrall
Alexandria Tibbs
Michael Tinich
Danny Torok



Nick Trauscht
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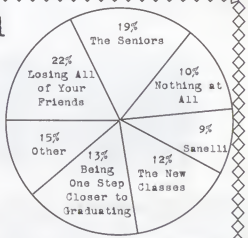
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Lyndley Clarkson

What scared you the most about coming into high school?



103 freshmen surveyed

What is your favorite movie?



"*The Wedding Singer* and *Deuce Bigalow*. I think they're absolutely hilarious."

~Rita Gray

"*The Princess Bride*. It has everything in it: action, romance."

~Rachel Miller





"My favorite movie is *Predator*, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger because Arnold Schwarzenegger is by far the best actor in the world, and the lines in that movie were incredible."

~Jim Pickett

Helping sophomore Brittney Rias with her black dress, Margie Keithley explains what to do next. "I love it because every day is different. Each day brings new challenges. I enjoy the mix of personalities because it keeps things interesting," said Keithley.



Jennifer Handley

Nancy Ashton
Barb Baldazo
Katie Bonnan
Mary Cahill
Teresa Carstensen
Christine Chidichimo
Kristina Collard



Michelle Conner
Bill Cope
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Martha Davis
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Lisa Megquier



Betty Hoyle



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Katherine Martinez, Katie Bonnan

Faculty



Jennifer Handley

During Spirit Week on Activities Day Jim Graff, Jason Gast, and Teresa Ramos watch the games excitedly. "I thought it was very nice. It moved quickly. The kids got to do something a little fun," Ramos said.

After going over to Rosetta Dorin, freshman, Andrea McMullin starts to explain how to make custard from scratch. McMullin says she became a teacher "to have the opportunity to affluentially effect students lives, and because it's just a great job."



Jennifer Handley









Nikki Miklusak
Rachel Miller
Veronica Moisant
Kim Peirick
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Renee, we are so proud of you! You have been a wonderful and beautiful daughter to watch grow through all your years in school. You have become a beautiful lady! We could not ask for a better daughter and sister. We are so proud of all you have accomplished. I know you will succed in life. Follow your dreams!

Love, Mom, Joe, Melony, Britney, & Casey

Renee Cabrales

Class of 2006





Parents always want the best for their children, but there's a time when a parent has to step back and let a child come into his own. And looking at you now, it's clear to see that the choices you've made for yourself in life have also made your family so very proud. Your everything a parent could hope for, and more. We love you.

Love, Mom, Dad, & Patty

Jacob Gee

Class of 2006



Cristi Steffek



Cristi,

We have watched you grow from a cute little chatterbox into a beautiful woman. Always... always follow your dreams. Never give up on yourself or what you want from life. Success is waiting for you; embrace your dreams and follow your goals. Let faith always be with you.

Love, Dad, Mom, Sara and Alex









Class of 2006



Gwen,

Where have the years gone? If everyone could see Kissiefur now!! The sweet little girl that made us laugh out loud so often is now all grown up and become a beautiful young woman. You brought lots of love, joy, and laughter into our lives. Your tender spirit always touches our hearts. We always enjoyed politics, religion, and sports from your point of view...what fun!

We are so proud of your accomplishments and your goals in the future! We know that you will succeed in all you endeavor to do.

Love,
Mom & Dad

Gwen Jones

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Christopher Fuoss

Class of 2006

We are all very proud of you. Good luck in pursuing your dreams, and working on your future.

Love,
Mom, Dad, & Melonie



RosaMaria Hernandez

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Congratulations Rosa! We have watched you grow from a child to a young woman. We are so proud of you. We wish you luck in your future.

Love always



To our son Adam:

A son is a wonderful blessing. A treasure from above. His laughter, warmth and special charm. His thoughtfulness and love. A son brings a special joy. That comes from deep inside. And as he grows into manhood. He fills your heart with pride. With every year that passes. His more special than before. Through every stage, through every age, you love him even more. No words can describe the warm memories, the pride and gratitude, too, that comes from having a son, to love and cherish ... just like you.

We will always be there for you!

Love, Mom, Dad, Lindsay, & Stephanie

Adam Brandner

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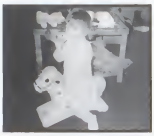
Want your cake and eat it too? If anyone can have it all, it would be you, Cassie. Reach for the stars and keep your dreams alive.

Love, Mom & Bernie

Cassie Johnstone

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Ashley McDonald

These years have been a blur of softball games, dance recitals, girl scouts, etc. But what I'll always remember most about these years is your strong will and spirit. Although I have been challanged by that will and spirit; it is the thing about you that I am most proud of. You will do well in this world because of it. Stay strong as you begin this next chapter of your life. I love you "peachy.

Love, Mom

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Jessica Koch

In just a blink of an eye you were grown. You will always be our little girl. We are proud of you and wish you all the best in life.

Love, Mom & Dad

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Ashley McDonald

Ashley,

We are so proud of our young lady. You are a joy to our lives.

All Our Love, Daddy, Janet, & Kids

Grandma & Grandpa McDonald

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Eric Andree

Congratulations son, you made it through 12 years of school. Thank you for all the happy memories that you gave us and for carrying on the #74 in football that you and your brother worked so hard for. We will miss that. We wish you all the best of luck in life and hope your dreams come true. We are so proud of you. We love you.

Love, Dad, Mom, & Brother Michael

Class of 2006



Brandon Pollard

Dear Brandon,

Time flies when you're having fun! You've kept us laughing (and crying sometimes) for 18 years. We love you and are very proud of the polite, charismatic young man you've become. If your future is half as bright as your smile, you will have a very successful life. We know you'll "build" a great tomorrow!

Love,

Mom, Dad, and Lauren









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Ashley Churitch







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Ashley,

Wow! Where has all the time gone? It seems like just yesterday you were running around the yard playing dress-up with your sister. You were adorable - and now you are a beautiful, talented, and intelligent young lady. We are very proud of you - from gymnastics to piano lessons to bowling; 1st place in back to back talent shows for your dance routines; several years of cheerleading and poms; top 10 in National's Miss Northern Indiana Teen Pageant and the Miss Indiana Teen USA Pageant; singing throughout your school years culminating in being selected for Chorale; finding a modeling agent/agency to represent you; and especially academically, with straight A's this past quarter in some difficult classes. Wow again! You will always have our love, support, and encouragement to help you reach your life's goals. We are extremely proud of your accomplishments to date, and know that you will continue to strive to do your best. Reach for the stars - with all your positive qualities, a little hard work and persistence, they're within your grasp.

All Our Love , Mom, Dad, & Shannon

Nana & Pawpaw

& Jesse

Kara Johnson



More than twelve years have passed since our little girl's first school day. At the very beginning pre-school was not all work, but about play. As the years grew on and school got harder, we watched you grow and grow. We are proud and think you are special, we just want you to know. Happy graduation in year 2006!
Love, Mom, Dad, Brittany, Grandma Janet, Grandma Starkey, & Papa









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To our little girl, you have grown into a beautiful, intelligent young lady. We are all so very proud of you. Good luck in college. We will always be here for you.
Love, Mom, Dad, Mikey, Granny, & Ampy

Jeanette Soy

Class of 2006





Jace McMullin

We are so proud of the man you have become. Have a great time at M.S.U. Go Dawgs!
Class of 2006
Love, Dad, Mom, & Ross



Justine Yeager

Our baby has grown up. We tried to give you the best knowledge, nourishment, and love that we could. You have made us proud. Good luck and we love you!
Class of 2006
Mom & Dad

Liz Gollner

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Kendra Terzarial

Class of 2006

Congratulations Kendra, I am so proud of you! I have had the joy of watching you grow into a beautiful, caring, loving young woman. You are so very special to me and you always will be Mom's baby girl. I know whatever you do, you will succeed in. I am always here for you.

Love, Mom



Michael White

Michael, you came into our lives and with you came Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, Matchbox cars, Big Paw and all the sports. We loved to watch you compete in all of them. Your academic successes through out were also a constant source of great pride. Continue to strive for the best and reach for your dreams. We will always be here to encourage and support you in anything you undertake. We will always love you and be with you.

Mom, Dad, Melissa, & Cassie

Class of 2006





You have grown into a beautiful young lady, but you will always be our little girl! It's hard to believe you are going off to college! You will always have our love and support in all you do!

Love always, Mom, Dad, & Matthew

Lauren Csonka

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Mallory Gatlin

You have been the source of many smiles, laughs, and proud moments. Keep up the good work. Congratulations!

Love, Mom, Dad, Sarah, Darick, Baylee, Allison, & Jason

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Lauren Clark

Time has past much to quickly. Yesterday, you were an adorable, smart, funny little girl. Now you are a beautiful, intelligent, sensitive, athletic, young woman. We wish you every success, happiness, and joy. We are very proud of you! May all your dreams come true!

We love you, Mom, Dad, & Sarah

Class of 2006

Joshua Pepoff







Class of 2006







Josh,

We are so proud of you. This year you have proved what a wonderful young man you have become. We love you so much.

Love,

Mom & Dad



Kristen Mathews

Kristen,

You've grown into a beautiful young woman, inside and out. We are so very proud of you! You've worked hard and accomplished so much. May your future be filled with success and happiness!

We love you,
Mom, Dad, & Lauren

Class of 2006



Matthew Coddington

Dear Matthew,

Congratulations! We are so proud of you and all you've accomplished over the years. You've blessed us with so many great memories that we will hold in our hearts forever. Wishing you health, love, happiness, and success in the new chapter of your life... and we pray you will always have faith in your heart. Be safe!

Love, Mom, Dad, Michael, & Emily

Class of 2006



Sam, congratulations! You have finally made it! Enjoy life, laugh often, and follow your dreams.

Love, Mom & family

Sam Hart

Class of 2006





It seems like just yesterday you were graduating from preschool, now you are graduating from high school, then off to college. We are so proud of the young woman you have become.

Love, Mom & Dad

Alicia Kielbasa

Class of 2006





Emily Cutka

M.E. You're the coolest!

Love,
Mom & Dad

Class of 2006



Emily Cutka

You are the best Twinkie of them all!

Love,
The other Twinkies

Class of 2006



Dearest Josh,

It was only yesterday you struggled to climb stairs, driven to get to the top, and today you sprint bleachers. Your drive and determination has helped you overcome all the challenges that have been put before you. May they continue to help you to accomplish all your goals. Make the best of all your opportunities. You have been a great son, have given us some wonderful memories and have made us very proud. We're certain you can accomplish anything you want to accomplish. We wish you health, happiness, success, and remember we will always be here for you.

All our love, Mom, Dad, Omar And Jordan

Josh Gonzalez

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Ashley Cogdill

THEN





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Cody Scott

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CONGRATULATIONS! You made it and we are so very proud of you. Thank you so much for 18 wonderful years. We can't wait to see what the next 18 will bring. you have lived your life with respect, dignity, and a wonderful sense of humor. We wish you the best that life has to give and no doubt that you will obtain it.

Love, Your Family

Laura Matovina



Laura,

It's unbelievable that your high school graduation is here. The years have truly flown by. We could not have placed an order for a better daughter than you. You have an abundance of talent and we know you will experience many great successes in your life. Always believe in yourself for you are very special.

With all the love and pride we have,

Dad, Mom, And Lare









Class of 2006

Amie Palmer



Amie,

Congratulations! We're all very proud of you and your achievements. You're our miracle baby and from the first moment we saw you, we all knew you were special. From chasing cows to black squirrels, trying to drive the school bus and the four wheeler, from diving in at Dinosaur Valley to climbing to the top of the refrigerator. Whatever you did, you gave it your all. You've filled our lives with love, laughter, and dreams. Good luck at IUPUI and congrats on your scholarship. We wish you the best of everything always. May you achieve all you want and never want as long as you live. We love you with all our hearts. Our family wasn't complete until there was you.

Love, Mom, Dad, Jill, and Sara









Class of 2006

Bridgett Vechey



It's so hard to believe you are graduating. You have become such a beautiful young woman. We are so very proud of you, good luck in your future and remember that we are always there for you. We especially enjoyed your plays.

All our love,

Mom, Dad, Colleen, Eric, and Peanut

Class of 2006

Joy Helfen



Joy,

We are so proud of you for all the hard work you have put into these past four years. We love you, so much, and know that the Lord will continue to direct and bless your life.

Love, Mom and Dad

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Princess Connie,

You have been a joy to us since we first laid eyes on you. We saw you grow up from a beautiful little girl into a lovely young lady. You are our joy and happiness. Wishing you the best! Congratulations,

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Connie Herrera

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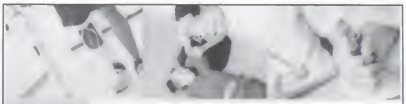


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Lisa Markut

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We are so proud of the incredible person you are. You have such a kind heart and compassion for people that we wish you to always keep. We wish you a way to your dream of continuing to bring beautiful, sweet sounds into, not only our lives, but other peoples lives as well. Anxiously waiting for front row tickets to your first professional performnace.

We all love you.

Fred, Nick, Mom, and Dad

Lyndley Clarkson

Class of 2006



Christopher LaMendola



Chris,

Time has gone by so fast. You have become a young man and a fine son. You have been a blessing to all of us. The best older and younger brother a family could have. You have always done well in school and I (mom) am so proud of you. Follow your dreams and you can succeed in whatever you do.

Love,

Mom, Rich, Kelly, and Saleena









Class of 2006

Christopher Mansanarez



Chris,

You did it! We are so proud of you. What a thrill it has been watching you grow into your own person. Awesome football season. We will miss those Friday nights so much. We will always be here for you.

Love,

Mom, Kevin, Sam, and your little dude Kyle









Class of 2006



Dear Ashley,

Where has the time gone? You have grown into a beautiful young lady!! You have our support in everything you want to achieve. We are so proud of you!! Thanks for all the great H.S. memores (you know what we mean!!)

Love you,

Mom, Dad, Calvin, Jeremy, Bon Jovi, and Jack

Ashley Schaller

Class of 2006





Eliana,

Your dad and I want to thank you for being a wonderful daughter. We truly have been blessed. You have been our joy. For many years we have held you close and taken care of you like a prized gardener who plants and grows a beautiful flower from a seed in a greenhouse. Until one day the gardener knows that the flower is strong enough to be planted outside in a real garden. Where it will finish growing and blossom to it's maximum potential. And all the gardener must do is step back and watch the sun shine on it and let the rain fall on it and have faith that the roots are strong and it will remain beautiful and continue to grow. CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR GRADUATION BABY-GIRL WE WILL ALWAYS BE HERE FOR YOU

LOVE YOUR GARDENERS,

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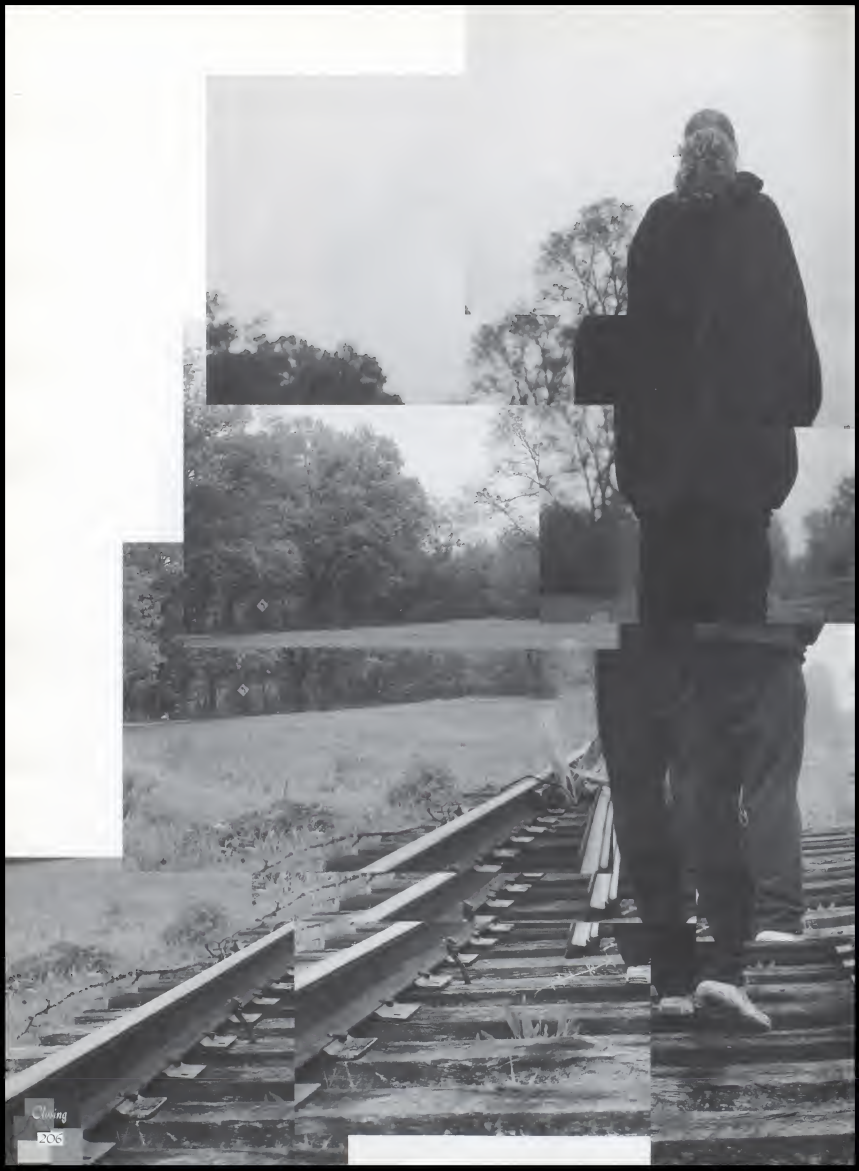
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Last Stop!

The year started off with class meetings, schedule changes, new teachers and fund-raising. As the year went on, there were parties, field trips, plays, and cast parties.

Many events filled the calendar of the year 2006. At the beginning of the school year there was the Park Full of Art held at Central Park. The artists of Griffith High School went to the park to admire the crafts, paintings and nick knacks that were displayed on the many carts set up on the grass.

The drama department started off the year with Babes in Toyland. Following that there was Shakespeare's A Mid Summer Night's Dream and the student directed plays which were directed by seniors Jace McMullin, Laura Matovina, and Andre Rodgers. With the return of Andrea McMullin, family and consumer sciences, the cast had their make-up and costumes done as professionally as possible for a high school drama department.

The Griffith High School music department had a very busy schedule this year as well. Choir started off with their trip to Atlanta, Georgia to sing the National Anthem over spring break, and they proceeded it with a trip to Chicago to experience the Broadway musical, RENT live. The choir students attending both of these trips were mainly seniors, followed by a few juniors who were allowed to go due to a few seniors not being able to attend.

Band was next to follow in the footsteps of the choir with their trip to St. Louis, Missouri. Any band student that could raise the capitol to attend this trip was allowed to go, as long as their parents permitted it.

The year was also exciting for this year's football and track team. The GHS football players made it all the way to semi-state, getting one step closer to the championship game. The team had a no-loss winning streak until the semi-state game. Many students were upset and even angry that this wasn't the year that GHS went to the Indianapolis RCA Dome. The track team sent senior Kristen Mathews down to state soon to find out that she would become ranked second best high jumper in the state of Indiana among high school girls.

As the year came to an end, seniors got ready to graduate, and juniors prepared to think about the year ahead of them in the 2006-2007 school year. The freshmen finally get to break out of their shell as the new kids on the block, where as the new sophomores have years still ahead of them. The halls emptied as seniors left for senior ditch day, the cookout at the end of the year, and finally the last day. There weren't many students in the hallways as teachers got prepared for the next year and began taking down the posters and pictures in their room.

The final event of the 2006 school year was graduation. For some students here at GHS, tracking 2006 was easy. They got all their homework done, and they made it to be the best that they could. For others, it was a struggle. Keeping up with their social schedule, school events, and homework may prove to be a very difficult task. And then there's the students that just can't wait to get out of Griffith, and graduation is all they think about. Tracking 2006 may have been easy or hard, but it was just one more year in the lives of the GHS student body.

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The process of making the 2006 yearbook began in the summer of 2005 with two girls at yearbook camp. This book was printed by Hereff Jones at 6015 Travis Lane, P.O. Box 10, Shawnee Mission Kansas. The Reflector Staff would like to thank Lisa Keene, our yearbook representative for coming out to Griffith so many times to help us with anything we needed. Also, the Reflector Staff would like to thank Lisa Merino, our customer service advisor.

The main colors, black and white are used throughout the book. There are no color pages and no spot color. The color photo is in black and white and the cover is black. Theme pages, including end sheets, title page, opening, closing, divider pages and the colophon were designed by Ashley Cogdill. Other sections were designed by Jace McMullin, Ashley McDonald, Darci Lopez, Amie Palmer, and Laura Beaupain. The cover was designed by the editor and generated by the plant. Each section is different with design and fonts. AHJ Microsquare was used for the story font in size 11, and AHJ Belwe was used for all captions in size 9. AHJ Belwe was also used in info boxes under the headline. Other fonts used were AHJ Eddie, AHJ Michael, Textile, AHJ Deanna Script, ITC Eras, AHJ Ad Lib, and AHJ Platinum Blond.

Pictures taken by staff photographers were mainly on a digital camera and uploaded to the computer where ImageIn was used to place them onto a page. Few pictures were developed by the photography editor in the dark room provided at GHS. Team, group, faculty, and senior pictures were taken by Larry Titak Photography and all underclassmen photos were taken by Interstate Studios, Inc.

The goal of the staff was to present the rest of the Griffith High School Students and staff with the best book they could with the resources provided.

The Reflector staff would lastly like to thank Mrs. Kristina Collard, who showed support through 7 months of pregnancy. The staff will miss her and cannot wait to see the baby and have Collard come back to teach.

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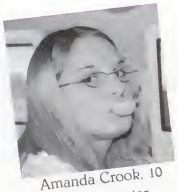
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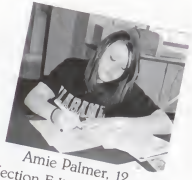
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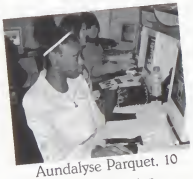
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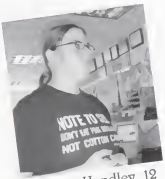
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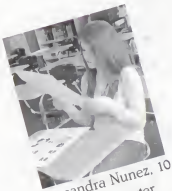
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